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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Wildfires: The U.S. Forest Service says it is reconsidering the grounding of decades-old heavy air tankers to fight wildfires but the chances of using the planes are slim.

Corbin Newman, the agency's national fire plan coordinator, told the Western Governors Association on Sunday that the Forest Service and federal transportation officials have agreed to review proposals from new contractors to fly the tankers.

Federal officials grounded 33 tankers last month, two years after two planes broke up in the air, killing five people.

Conjoined twins: Four-month-old twins separated in successful surgery over the weekend can probably look forward to normal lives, doctors said Monday.

For now, twins Erin and Jade Buckles remained in critical but stable condition at Washington's Children's National Medical Center, but doctors said they were satisfied with their progress. Dr. Gary Hartman, the lead surgeon, said the twins probably will be taken out of ventilators within a week to 10 days.

Parents Kevin a Marine Corps gunnery sergeant, and Melissa Buckles were elated by the twins' prognosis and said they were looking forward to life returning to normal.

Greenspan's fifth term: Alan Greenspan, who has steered the world's largest economy under four presidents, has been sworn in to his fifth term as chairman of the Federal Reserve.



Greenspan

Greenspan, 78, took the oath of office Saturday at the Colorado home of former President Gerald Ford, the Federal Reserve said.

Vice President Dick Cheney administered the oath to Greenspan in a private ceremony.

Greenspan was first nominated as Fed chairman in 1987 by President Ronald Reagan to succeed chairman Paul

Volcker. Greenspan was renominated to the Fed post once by Bush's father and twice by President Clinton.

World

N. Korea nuclear talks: North Korea renewed its demand for aid in exchange for freezing nuclear development as it began talks Monday on ending a standoff with the United States over its weapons ambitions.

Diplomats from North Korea, the United States and four other nations met to discuss the agenda for high-level talks due to start Wednesday.

The other participants are host China, South Korea, Japan and Russia.

The United States says it would offer aid only if North Korea proves its willingness to become nuclear-free. It says any freeze must lead to a "complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantling" of the North's nuclear weapons facilities.

Potential Congo violence: Congo is not planning to invade Rwanda, officials said Monday, as Congolese troops began deploy-



Anti-terrorism exercise: British Rigid Raiders — fast military patrol crafts — race Monday during a major military training exercise involving 15 nations at the Royal Navy's Faslane Base in Scotland. The 10-day exercise on the west coast of Scotland is designed to prepare for the type of attack that killed 17 U.S. sailors aboard the USS Cole in Aden, Yemen, in 2000. Warships from Holland, Poland and Turkey were targeted by Royal Marine commandos shortly after leaving a Royal Navy base on the River Clyde at Faslane. The Joint Maritime Course will be carried out across 14 areas of Scotland from the Hebrides in the north to Galloway in the south. Fifty craft manned by thousands of personnel will take part.

ing near the countries' shared border and tensions continued rising between the two enemies.

Rwanda's foreign minister over the weekend called the Congolese deployment a "big threat." But Congo's defense minister said nearly 5,000 troops were being deployed to try and secure the border region, left destabilized after a four-year war.

The United Nations, meanwhile, reported that U.N. helicopter gunships rocketed rebel forces near the eastern city of Bukavu.

South Africa's president warned of an "eventually catastrophic war."

SARS finding: The SARS virus was detected in tear drops taken from patients in Singapore last year, doctors in the city-state said Monday, raising the prospect that the disease may be easier to diagnose in the future.

The finding also may highlight one of the ways severe acute respiratory syndrome spreads, they said.

The seven doctors who compiled the study took tear swabs from 36 Singapore patients suspected of having SARS in April 2003. Signs of the virus that causes the illness were found in three of the eight people who eventually tested positive.

"We are proposing that this is a simple method, it is easily repeated and involves less discomfort for the patient" than taking blood samples, said Dr. Leon Seong Chee from the Eye Institute at the National University of Singapore.

Philippine election: President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo thanked Filipinos Monday for giving her a fresh six-year mandate after the final election tally showed her winning by 1.1 million votes, but the opposition

disputed the result and soldiers were on high alert for unrest.

Supporters of action film star Fernando Poe Jr. claim their candidate was cheated out of some 2 million votes from the May 10 presidential election and say their fraud claims are being ignored.

The official tally was announced Sunday following a bitter six-week vote count by a committee of lawmakers. The result paves the way for the full Congress to proclaim Arroyo the winner, but the opposition says it will seek to block the move.

Castro's warnings: Fidel Castro predicted tough new American measures aimed at dislodging him will fail, and warned President Bush on Monday not to launch a military strike he said would provoke mass exodus and all-out war.

"Do not try crazy adventures such as surgical strikes or wars of attrition using sophisticated techniques because you could lose control of the situation," Castro said in a speech addressed specifically to Bush before a morning protest of tens of thousands of Cubans.

Washington has repeatedly denied it is planning any military action against Havana. But an increased tightening of measures against the island, along with the Bush administration's pre-emptive strike on Iraq, has convinced the Cuban leadership that a military attack is not impossible.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



Castro

Messages of Support

★ To our Brave Military Men and Women—

"We want you to know that we support you, and are praying for all of your safety. We are so proud to be Americans and we thank the Lord for all of you! Please know that what you are doing is not unseen! And please remember that

the Lord is with you in all you do!" In all things

God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to his purpose...What shall we say in response to this? If God is for us who can be against us?...For I am convinced that neither life nor death, neither

angels or demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any other powers...or anything else in all of creation will separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:28-39. Thank you and God Bless you All!! Love- The Cora Family

Gs lawyers win right to question top officers

Sanchez, Abizaid testimony may be sought in prison abuse trials; Abu Ghraib demolition blocked

BY FISNIK ABRAHAMI
AND JIM KRANE
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Defense lawyers for soldiers on trial in the Iraqi prisoner abuse case won permission Monday to question two top U.S. generals, and the military judge ordered that the Abu Ghraib prison not be torn down because it is a crime scene.

The judge also refused to move the trials of Spc. Charles A. Graner Jr., Sgt. Javal S. Davis and Staff Sgt. Ivan L. Champ. Frederick II outside Iraq.

The judge, Col. James Pohl, left open the possibility of calling other senior figures if the defense could show their testimony was relevant — which Guy Womack, the civilian lawyer for Graner, said the lawyers intended to do.

Womack said outside the pretrial hearing that there was "a good chance" he would seek to question Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

Civil lawyers for Davis and Graner won permission to seek testimony from the top U.S. general in Iraq, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez and from the chief of the U.S. Central Command, Gen. John Abizaid.

Davis' civilian lawyer, Paul Bergin, also has said he wants to question President Bush and Rumsfeld about the prisoner abuse, though he did not formally present a request in court.

It would be like to interview Bush because we know as a matter of fact that President Bush changed the rules of engagement



A court-artist sketch shows, from left, Defense Counsel Capt. Robert Shuck, defendant Staff Sgt. Ivan L. "Chip" Frederick II and military judge Col. James Pohl in the courtroom inside the heavily guarded Green Zone on Monday in Baghdad. Defendant Frederick, Spc. Charles A. Graner Jr. and Sgt. Javal S. Davis face criminal charges in the mistreatment of prisoners at the Abu Ghraib detention facility in western Baghdad.

for intelligence acquisition," Bergin said Monday.

Lawyers for Davis and Graner also sought unsuccessfully to have the trial moved to the United States or Germany. However, Pohl said he might reconsider his ruling if future events in Iraq precluded a fair trial.

No date for a trial has been set, but Womack told reporters he did not believe it would begin before October.

After the pretrial hearing in Baghdad, lawyers for the three defendants said their clients were following orders by senior officers and military intelligence.

"We can't have American soldiers in a war zone questioning the legality of orders," Womack told reporters.

Pohl postponed a pretrial hearing for Frederick until July 23, after his civilian lawyer failed to

appear and the defendant refused to waive his right to co-counsel.

Attorney Gary Myers said the trip to Baghdad would have cost too much. Pohl criticized Myers for seeking to participate in the hearing by telephone and the denied the lawyer's motion.

Frederick's military lawyer, Capt. Robert Shuck, told Pohl that Myers wanted to participate by phone because coming to Iraq

"places people in peril for their lives."

But Myers said his principal reason for not attending was the cost.

"I think we were looking in the \$3,000-to-\$4,000 range, and these kinds of out-of-pocket costs are not available to my client every time something happens over there," Myers said from his home in Weare, N.H.

He said he has participated by phone in military court proceedings in other cases, but he acknowledged wanting to underscore his argument that Frederick's trial should be moved to Germany or the United States.

"We are very definitely making the point that it is an inappropriate location for this trial," Myers said. "The bottom line is, this is a difficult place to try a case and to bring witnesses."

Pohl declared the Abu Ghraib prison a crime scene and said it could not be destroyed prior to a verdict. Bush had offered to dismantle Abu Ghraib to help remove the stain of torture and abuse from the new Iraq — an offer Iraqi officials had already dismissed, saying it would be a waste of the building. Saddam Hussein used Abu Ghraib to torture and murder his opponents.

The hearings took place in the Baghdad Convention Center in the heavily guarded Green Zone, the nerve center of the American occupation of Iraq. U.S. authorities hope the proceedings will convince Iraqis that the United States does not tolerate abuses of civil liberties.

David Dineanu of The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Insurgents gun down four U.S. Marines

Video reportedly shows bodies in uniforms lying in compound in militant stronghold of Ramadi

BY ROBERT H. REID
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents gunned down four U.S. Marines west of Baghdad, and Iraq video exports Monday six days after insurgents blasted pipelines carrying crude oil to the Basra terminal on the Gulf.

A U.S. Army soldier was killed and seven others were wounded in a mortar attack in northern Baghdad, the U.S. command said. The casualties indicated no let up in attacks against Americans as the June 30 transfer of sovereignty draws near.

Iraqi officials have announced stepped up measures to protect the oil industry, the foundation of the nation's economy.

A videotape delivered Monday to Associated Press Television News showed four Americans in uniform lying dead in what appeared to be a walled compound in Ramadi, an insurgent stronghold 60 miles west of Baghdad. One of the Americans was slumped in the corner of the wall.

The bodies had no flask vests — mandatory for U.S. troops operating in contested areas — and at least one was missing a foot.

One fieldpack was left open next to a body as if the attackers had looted the dead before

fleeing.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, coalition deputy operations chief, confirmed the killings but gave few details. He said a U.S. quick reaction force found the bodies after the troops failed to report to their headquarters as required.

American officials had been concerned about the deteriorating security situation in Ramadi, located along a belt of Sunni militancy running westward from Baghdad along the Euphrates river.

Last week, seven Iraqi Civil Defense Corps members were arrested for planting a roadside bomb that killed policeman and injured seven civilians in Ramadi.

Most of the kidnappings of foreigners over the past two months are believed to have occurred along that belt.

On Saturday, a U.S. airstrike destroyed a house in Fallujah, 30 miles west of Baghdad, which the United States said was a hide-out for the group led by Jordanian-born terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. Kimmitt told reporters Monday that the attack killed "key personnel in the Zarqawi network" although he would not confirm that any foreign fighters were among the dead.

Iraqi officials in Fallujah, long one of the centers of anti-American militancy, maintained that the attack killed only Iraqi civilians. The Iraqi Health Ministry said at least 17 people died.

Clanking anti-U.S. slogans, hundreds rallied in Fallujah on Monday to protest the American airstrike. Demonstrators accused the Americans of falsely claiming that al-Zar-

qawi had sought refuge in Fallujah to create an excuse to attack the city.

Elsewhere, five Iraqi contractors were killed Monday in an ambush on their three-vehicle convoy 30 miles south of Mosul. The U.S. command said two others were wounded.

The recent kidnappings and attacks appear aimed at undermining the interim Iraqi government set to take power June 30, when the U.S.-led occupation formally ends. U.S. and Iraqi officials have vowed to go ahead with the transfer despite the violence.

Coalition spokesman Dan Senor said that by the end of the week, all Iraqi government ministries would be under full Iraqi control.

Interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi has promised to crush the terrorist threat and said Sunday his administration was considering martial law in some areas to restore law and order.

"They are trying to destroy our country and we are not going to allow this," Allawi said Sunday.

Resumption of Iraqi oil exports followed intense efforts to repair the damaged pipeline. The country's other major export line, which runs from the northern oilfields in Kirkuk to the Turkish port of Ceyhan, has been out of service since May 27 due to sabotage.

Tankers began loading in the port city of Basra after repair crews managed to fix the smaller of two lines damaged in the attacks. But oil officials say repairs on the second major southern pipeline have been slowed by technical difficulties and extensive spillage due to the sabotage.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 831 U.S. servicemen have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 612 died as a result of hostile action and 219 died of nonhostile causes. The department did not provide an update over the weekend.

The British military has reported 58 deaths, Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, two; Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 693 U.S. servicemen have died — 503 as a result of hostile action and 190 of nonhostile causes, according to the military.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ A Marine was killed in action Saturday in Iraq's Anbar Province.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ No identifications reported.



Kimmitt

South Korea stands firm in hostage crisis

Nation sticking to plans that will send 3,000 troops to Iraq

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
The Associated Press

SEOUL — South Korea said Monday it will go ahead with plans to send troops to Iraq despite the abduction of a South Korean man and the televised broadcast of his desperate pleas to stay alive.

The kidnapping tested South Korea's resolve just days after the U.S. ally announced it will dispatch 3,000 troops to assist in reconstruction efforts in northern Iraq. Once the deployment is complete, South Korea will be the largest coalition partner after the United States and Britain.

On Sunday, the Arab satellite TV network Al-Jazeera aired a videotape purportedly from al-Qaida-linked militants showing a South Korean hostage begging for his life, and a reversal to the troop dispatch. Some held placards reading "Sending the troops kills, kills, kills."

A similar rally was scheduled for South Korea's second largest city, Pusan, while demonstrators staged a sit-in outside the ruling Uri Party headquarters in the southwestern city of Gwangju.

Kim Sun-il, a South Korean Kim, 33, is an employee of South Korea's Gana General Trading Co., a supplier for the U.S. military.

As many as 10 other foreigners are being held with Kim, including a European journalist and "third country" employees for the U.S.-based contractor KBR, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported, citing Kim's employer.



A man identified as South Korean Kim Sun-il sits in front of his captors in this image taken from a recent video obtained by Al-Jazeera on Sunday.

Kim Chun-ho, head of Gana General Trading, told a Yonhap reporter in Baghdad by phone from Mosul that some of the abductees were seen by an Iraqi go-between who had visited the kidnappers to try to negotiate the South Korean's release.

The report could not immediately be confirmed.

In the videotape, the kidnappers identified themselves as belonging to a group led by Jordanian-born terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. They gave South Korea 24 hours from sundown Sunday Iraq time to meet their demand or "we will send you the head of this Korean."

Officials of South Korea's National Security Council, and the ministries of foreign affairs and defense, hastily met after news broke of the abduction.

"There is no change in the government's spirit and position that it will send troops to Iraq to help establish peace and rebuild Iraq," Deputy Foreign Minister Choi Young-jin said at a news conference.

President Roh Moo-hyun said the incident was "deeply unfortunate and regrettable" and instructed his government to do all it can to win the release of the hostage, Roh's office said in a statement.

"President Roh instructed the government to increase efforts to explain to the Iraqi people that South Korea is sending troops to Iraq not to engage in hostile acts against Iraq, but to focus on assisting reconstruction there," the statement said.

Kim was abducted on June 17 while making a delivery in the city of Fallujah, Choi said. Gana's president, Kim Chun-ho,

tried to negotiate his employee's release before notifying the government, Choi said.

"We are sorry that we can't provide further details because sensitive government efforts are under way to save his life," Choi said.

Reports said Gana had evacuated its employees from their Baghdad office and relocated them to a hotel.

A South Korean television news station, YTN, said Kim had been in Iraq for about eight months. His distraught sister, Kim Jung-sook, told the station that his family last spoke to him in April. At that time, she said, he was in the Fallujah area and planned to return to South Korea in July to celebrate his father's 70th birthday.

The hostage, a devout Christian who is the youngest of eight brothers and sisters, studied Arabic as well as English in South Korea.

On the tape, he screamed in English: "Korean soldiers, please get out of here. I don't want to die. I don't want to die. I know that your life is important, but my life is important."

Kim's fearful mother, Shin Young-ja, told YTN, "The government should do whatever it can to save my son's life. Time is running out."

South Korea warned its people Saturday not to travel to Iraq, saying its decision to send troops to the country might prompt terror attacks on South Koreans.

South Korea announced Friday that it will send 3,000 soldiers beginning in early August to the Irbil area in northern Iraq. Some 600 South Korean military medics and engineers who are currently in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah will redeploy to Irbil to join the larger force.

Seoul has portrayed the deployment as a way of strengthening its alliance with the United States, thereby winning more support from Washington to join the coalition to a long-running dispute over North Korea's nuclear weapons development.

In April, seven South Korean missionaries were briefly detained by armed men in Iraq.

New operation will change U.S. tactics in Iraq

BY BRADLEY GRAHAM
The Washington Post

TIKRIT, Iraq — U.S. military commanders here are calling it Operation New Dawn.

Starting July 1, with the transfer of limited sovereignty to Iraqi authorities, military helicopters will switch to flying friendly approaches instead of hostile ones. U.S. soldiers will go on patrol only when accompanying Iraqi security forces, and any shooting of U.S. weapons meant to harass or interdict will require higher-level approval than before, military officers here said.

In Mosul, Army Brig. Gen. Carter Ham, who leads a brigade of armored Stryker vehicles and other forces, said he expects his troops will assume a much lower profile.

"On July 1, what I want Iraqi people to say is: 'Where are the airplanes? Where are the Strykers?'"

For U.S. troops in Iraq, the coming political change — from occupying power to supporting partner — is supposed to be accompanied by a major shift in military mission and tactics. While legally still authorized under a U.N. resolution to use "all necessary means" to ensure security in Iraq, U.S. commanders

say they intend to reduce combat operations, concentrate on training and assisting Iraqi forces and promote local governance and economic development.

U.S. and Iraqi officials acknowledged in interviews and in briefings to Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz this week that their plan is sure to be complicated by two main factors.

First, many of the 215,000 members of Iraq's fledgling forces are far from ready to take over much of the security burden. And second, the deadly insurgency that emerged shortly after the U.S.-led invasion last year continues to bring fresh waves of violence, most recently a surge of assassinations and attacks on oil facilities.

Under such uncertain circumstances, U.S. military authorities are trying to show some of their willingness to step back and let Iraqi forces take the lead, but are hedging their bets by keeping U.S. troop levels at around 140,000 and girding for a gradual turnover of operational responsibility.

"If Americans are in danger, if there's a really bad person we've got to go after, it's the same old rules," Wolfowitz told reporters traveling with him, making clear U.S. forces had no intention of withdrawing from the fight. "But we would like people to see that some-

thing has changed."

At the headquarters here of the 1st Infantry Division, Maj. Gen. John Battiste and his staff showed Wolfowitz a timeline last week that charted two lines through February. One line, which fell gradually across the page, represented the U.S. military profile; the other, which rose steadily, represented the Iraqi security services.

Commanders here and at other bases throughout Iraq offered assurances last week that recently intensified efforts to train Iraqi forces were beginning to bear fruit.

The commanders also provided accounts of insurgent cells being uncovered and broken up, of public works projects being advanced and of Iraqis coming forward with crucial tips about the location of roadside bombs.

But the commanders also said there were signs for worry, particularly regarding the continued strength of the insurgency. Commanders also warned that U.S. forces were being spread thin.

Still, Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz, the second-ranking commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, rejected the idea that more U.S. troops should be sent to Iraq. Instead, he said, greater efforts would be made — through improved intelligence gathering and other means — to use the troops that are available in more efficient ways.

Marine dies of nonhostile injury in Afghanistan

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A U.S. Marine died of a nonhostile injury inflicted by a weapon at the main American base in Afghanistan, the military said Monday.

The soldier, who wasn't identified, died Sunday at Bagram air base north of Kabul, spokesman Lt. Col. Tucker Mangas said.

The incident was under investigation.

Mangas said there were "weapon-related" issues, but declined to say whether the injury was self-inflicted or an accident, or if anyone else was involved.

"That's what the investigation will determine," he said. About 90 American soldiers have died in and around Afghanistan since the launch of Operation Enduring Freedom in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.



Wolfowitz

HydroPack makes almost any water potable

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Eager volunteers were in short supply on Capitol Hill last week, as a Defense Department food development expert held up a plastic bag filled with mud.

"How about a drink?" urged Gerald Darsch, merrily shaking the bag to reveal sticks and trash floating in the muck. "It's pond scum — I just collected it myself."

The director of the Defense Department's Combat Feeding Directorate was not trying to deter politicians and their aides seeking a free lunch during the June 17 demonstration of the directorate's latest innovations.

Quite the opposite: Darsch was showing off an advanced, commercially developed portable water filtration device that can help prevent troops from dying of thirst when they are too far from the Pentagon's logistics train to get fresh, clean water.

Known as the HydroPack, the device can produce one liter of pure "nutrient liquid" from any water source — except salty or brackish water, as from a sea or marsh — no matter how dirty or contaminated.

"Any water source" includes urine, as U.S. special operations soldiers proved when they tested the device in Iraq last summer, Darsch said.

"I can literally take water from a septic tank or a toilet, place it in the bag, and about two hours later have one liter of best-quality water, complete with electrolytes and sugar," Darsch said.

The bags are made by Hydration Technologies Inc., or HTI, of Albany, Ore., which sells them on the commercial market for \$40 to \$50 each, depending on quantity.

For the past two years, the Combat Feeding Directorate, which is part of the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass., has been conducting tests with Army Rangers and special operations forces who often work far from DOD's logistics support net.

Water is one of the heaviest and most quickly consumed essentials troops must carry, Darsch said.

Water "weighs a ton, and these guys are already carrying almost a hundred pounds on their backs," he said. "Anything that can cut that weight down is literally a lifesaver."

The trials have ranged from an airborne jump test in March 2002, to real-world field tests in Iraq and Afghanistan, Darsch said.

The commanders have given the HydroPack a thumbs-up, Darsch said.

"Their response has been not only that this is great, but that they want to buy it now," Darsch said.



LISA BURGESS/Stars and Stripes

First Sgt. Colin Rich, a combat veteran with the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment from Fort Bragg, N.C., pours filtered water from a HydroPack Thursday on Capitol Hill during a demonstration of new food technologies by Natick Soldier Center's Combat Feeding Directorate.

According to Darsch, the HydroPack works using "forward osmosis," a scientific principle that says molecules will always distribute themselves equally within a liquid, unless there's something preventing that.

That something is a permeable membrane inside the HydroPack,

whose microscopic holes are large enough to permit hydrogen and oxygen molecules to pass but so small that viruses and bacteria can't get through, Darsch said.

The osmosis process is greatly enhanced by a powder made of electrolyte salts and sugar, which acts like a sponge to draw the hy-

drogen and oxygen molecules through the membrane wall and into a sterile chamber, while the contaminants are blocked.

Inside the chamber the clean water mixes with the powder to form a nutrient liquid that tastes like a sports fluid replacement drink.

The powder "isn't in there to mask the flavor" of the water, Darsch said. Without it, "it would not work in a reasonable period of time — a few drops an hour, and that wouldn't do anyone any good."

Each bag can be used three times a day, for up to 10 days, Darsch said.

One drawback to the bags is that they don't work without the electrolyte powder, which has to be added fresh every time the bag is used. That means the liquid they produce can't be used for cooking, or to rehydrate freeze-dried rations, Darsch said.

The good news is that the sugars in the electrolyte solution can provide energy, while the salts can replace essential salts lost to sweating and dehydration, Darsch said.

Natick is working with HTI researchers to develop an advanced version of the bag that doesn't require electrolytes, as well as a bag that can filter salt water — the one kind of water the HydroPack cannot filter, Darsch said.

Combat Feeding is investigating the technology to develop a product. Limited testing has been done on this item in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The item is commercially available. For more information write to: info@hydratetech.com

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Resealable plastic bag will allow for hot beverage in field

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Starting next year, tired soldiers in the field will be able to quickly cook up a cup of Joe, thanks to a resealable plastic bag that will be put in every Meal, Ready to Eat, or MRE.

The new "hot beverage bag" is designed to be used in conjunction with the flameless ration heater bag included in every MRE.

The warfighter would fill the bag with a cup of water, seal it, place it inside the heater bag, and after six minutes, be able to place the hot bag in a cardboard box and mix in the instant coffee or other beverage mix.

The bag provides a solution to a dilemma that has nagged defense food experts since steel helmets went out of style.

"[What] we haven't been able to do well is provide hot water in the field," according to Gerald Darsch, director of the Department of Defense Combat Feeding Directorate at the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass.

Soldiers used to be able to boil water in their helmets; no more with Kevlar.

Offering within the MREs a simple plastic bag that costs taxpayers less than one cent "is a real no-brainer," Darsch said during a June 17 demonstration on Capitol Hill of the directorate's latest innovations. "But it's probably going to make more of a difference to the warfighter than any of the other fancy, bells-and-whistles [food packaging] developments we've done."

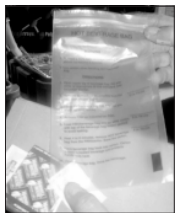
The ration heaters are intended to heat the MRE entree, but Darsch said Natick researchers have long noted that many troops don't use the device.

"There are always plenty of spare [ration heaters] around," Darsch said.

Likewise, the cardboard containers that surround many food items, including the entree, are often discarded, he said.

In the process of conducting their research into improving MREs, Natick scientists had collected numerous comments from troops saying that a waterproof, resealable plastic bag would be handy — not just for storing unopened snacks, but also to hold small personal items.

So last year, Natick researchers decided to combine the obvious,



LISA BURGESS/Stars and Stripes

Every MRE that is made beginning in 2005 will include a new "hot beverage bag." Tucked into the flameless ration heater, the clear, resealable bag can produce hot water for beverages or shaving.

Darsch said — a plastic bag for carrying items that doubles as a coffee mug.

The plastic bags were field-tested by troops in Iraq over the winter, and were "an unbelievable hit," Darsch said.

In response, Combat Feeding officials decided to put the bags on the fast track, Darsch said. Natick's schedule now calls for the devices to be inserted into all MREs that will be manufactured beginning in 2005, Darsch said.

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Messages of Support

★ Hey, This is Haley Michael from Lynn, MA, and I want to thank you for what you have done, and what you men/women are doing out there for us. It is great because...you don't even know me ... and you're fighting to protect me. What you have done for us already, even your commitment to fight for your free country is truly amazing. Always remember that you are leaders, not followers and you deserve every bit of respect from all people around the world. Yes, this war is affecting everyone, and you are risking your life for me, but you will never die, in the war or in your bed, without being remembered. 911 will never be forgotten, this war will never be forgotten. It will be in children's history books. People who had lived millions of years ago aren't forgotten, and you ARE a part of this war, so why shouldn't you be remembered? Yours truly, your true American, Haley M.

★ To all or our men and women engaged in the fight against terrorism in the war against Iraq in particular. My family, friends and I extend our most sincere thanks. We appreciate and support your efforts. Be safe. God bless you. -Dan

★ Hello, my name is D. Grant. I am 18 year old female. I appreciate what you are doing. Thank you. I don't leave until Oct. Seems like a while but I pray for you all. I wish everyone the best of luck and I pray for you all.

MPs help rebuild Iraqi police sites, training program

BY JESSICA INIGO
Stars and Stripes

KARBALA, Iraq — Many Iraqi police cadets will see some changes in the coming weeks in both the training they receive and in the buildings where they work, thanks in part to the 66th Military Police Company.

The unit, out of Fort Lewis, Wash., is doing site surveys and renovation work to get the Iraqi Karbala Police Academy and other stations fit, and helping implement a training program that is similar to what U.S. Army non-commissioned officers go through.

Reconstruction of the academy began approximately two weeks ago and will be done in less than two weeks. Once complete, about \$60,000 worth of construction and new furniture will be put into the academy.

The new structure also will get an electrical overhaul, new walls and furnishings, according to Lt. Tim Hogan, a company platoon leader.

"Of course, such things make people work better. If you feel comfortable in the place where you work, or you go back to your office after you finish duty and have a nice desk, some AC, or a good cot to lie down on during your duty, it makes you more efficient," Nabeel Hamed Mansour, the Iraqi officer in charge of the rapid response team, said through an interpreter.

Typically, Iraqi police have 24-hour duty and are allowed to sleep during night shifts. Mansour said sometimes conditions would be so bad in the Iraqi working environments that it would be impossible to work properly.

About 2,600 Iraqis went through the police training course, monitored by the military, in the dilapidated academy. An additional 1,100 are scheduled

to go through the revamped course.

The initial part is a three-week basic leadership development course designed to give Iraqi police a working knowledge of proper police tactics and procedures. They will then attend more advanced courses as they progress through their career.

These courses include more instruction on general Iraqi police techniques, a SWAT team, weapons training, and a more specialized Iraqi Civil Defense Corps.

"We're trying to make a transition process. We're integrating a program of the basics in a three-week course, and then continuing to bridge the gap between what many Iraqi police learned under the regime, which basically had no human rights, to basic Western police skills," Hogan said.

American instructors, who used to be police or security officers, aid in teaching leadership and procedure. Combining their knowledge of international security operations and the social and political issues their students face daily, the trainers present a variety of scenarios that the trainees must realistically encounter.

"I didn't expect the Iraqi police force to be so open about working with us. I was pleasantly surprised," said John McKinney, a former police chief from New Jersey. "It's been excellent."

Iraqi police are receiving new uniforms, as well as better weapons and improved security at their police stations throughout the city. It is part of an effort to have all security aspects run completely by Iraqi officials.

"We're not micromanaging here. We're mentoring, teaching Iraqis how to do it for themselves," Hogan said.

"This is what gives them the independence to work by themselves in the future."

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MIDEAST NOTEBOOK

Charlie Coon and Jessica Inigo



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Army Sgt. John Horner, of Okmulgee, Okla., and the 120th Engineering Battalion of the Oklahoma Army National Guard, has a conversation with his wife, Tamma, and children Ethan, 3, and Naomi, 2, using instant text messaging and Webcam at the new Internet site at Camp Fallujah, Iraq.

Webcams help troops feel at home

FALLUJAH, Iraq — A new, larger Internet facility opened recently at Camp Fallujah. The most-requested features are the 10 Webcams, where troops can see whom they are talking with back home while sending real-time text messages.

"It's nice seeing my family, and it makes my wife feel good to see me," said Sgt. John Horner of Okmulgee, Okla., a member of the Oklahoma Army National Guard and the 120th Engineering Battalion.

Michelle McKinney, a Morale, Welfare and Recreation coordinator who helps run the facility, said the 47 computer and 10 phones are used around the clock, with lines of troops waiting to get on most of the day.

"For me the hardest part of the job is telling someone they have to get off the phone when

their time is up," McKinney said.

Corpsmen anniversary

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Last week Navy corpsmen at Camp Fallujah celebrated the 166th anniversary of the day Congress officially proclaimed the profession while acknowledging two of their own for continuing the tradition in Iraq.

Corpsman Jason Villareal ran through gunfire to tend to a wounded Marine. Corpsman Joshua Cline held together the blown-off jaw of an Iraqi man, kept his airway clear and stabilized the man until help arrived.

Ever since June 17, 1898, corpsmen have accompanied Marines into battle, tending to the wounded from the front lines to the hospital. Nearly 2,000

have died in the line of duty, including four during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Twenty-two have won the Medal of Honor.

"It made me proud," Villareal's boss, Petty Officer 3rd Class Alfonso Cestas of Stockton, Calif., and the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment said of Villareal's actions. "... one of his Marines was down and he did what he had to do." Villareal was on a mission and unable to attend the event.

Cline, a corpsman from Aiken, S.C., said the Iraqi man he saved had driven into a barricade at a U.S. checkpoint.

"The only thing running through my head was I wanted this guy to live," Cline said. "A lot of people thought he wouldn't make it, but he ended up living."

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Navy works on developing vaccine for food-borne illnesses

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN
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CAMP AS SAYILYAH, Qatar — Along with the possibility of military members being deployed anywhere in the world at any time comes the possibility of medical problems. Whether it's from unsanitary conditions, strange foods, or just not washing hands frequently, something as simple as a case of diarrhea can get a servicemember out of the fight.

To help troops combat such problems, the Navy is working on developing a vaccine that will cure common food-borne illness-

Researchers looking for paid volunteers on R&R at camp in Qatar

es, according to Army Capt. Ken Brooks, director of Medical Services at the Troop Medical Clinic here.

To develop a vaccine, researchers need volunteers to act as a control group and patients. It was decided that troops arriving here for four days of rest and recuperation under the Fighter Management Pass Program would be a good test group, Brooks said.

When the servicemen arrive, they are given a brief by a corpsman who tells them about the program. Anyone who gives a

stool sample the following day will not only help in possibly creating a vaccine but also will walk away with \$25 cash in hand.

For every patient that participates who has diarrhea, two normal control group participants who are coming from the same area are needed, according to Dr. Uska Bhat, the physician coordinator for the study. Bhat works for Naval Medical Research Unit-3, which is heading up the research out of Cairo, Egypt.

In addition to taking the stool sample, Bhat said blood and saliva

are also taken. While some testing can occur on Camp As Sayilyah, Bhat said all specimens collected are stored in a freezer and sent to NAMRU-3 every two to three months for detailed testing.

"Cairo has virology there," Bhat said. "If we possess a case of salmonella, we can't know what type it is — they can. Once Cairo tests and gets the type, they can then begin to develop a vaccine."

While the stool, blood and saliva samples are important for testing reasons, Bhat said details on personal hygiene are also needed.

"Besides dietary habits, we ask them things like if they wash their hands before eating, after using the bathroom, or if they eat off base, so we can get an idea where the bug comes from," Bhat said. Troops also are asked if diarrhea has affected their ability to work.

"We've seen troops that have been able to carry on and some that need [intravenous fluids] to rehydrate," Bhat said.

The program began in mid-May and will run for one year, Bhat said. So far, a total of 55 servicemen have taken part in the research.

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NATO, Russia begin terror exercise

Scenario presupposes disastrous attack on a nation's oil infrastructure

By WARD SANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

While the world worries following terrorist attacks on oil workers in Saudi Arabia and on pipelines in Iraq, NATO and Russia began simulations Tuesday of ways to react to a disastrous attack on an oil platform closer to Europe.

Some 1,000 civil emergency personnel, disaster experts and dignitaries from 22 nations are participating in Exercise Kaliningrad 2004, which continues through Friday. They converge on the Russian enclave to prepare for the horrific: an attack on an oil platform causing mounting numbers of dead and injured, a toxic spill and pleas for help from abroad.

The first phase consists of mock rescues performed by Russian, Polish and Lithuanian emergency teams. The second will be more theoretical, as experts discuss both the success of the first phase of the exercise and what to do in such situations in general. According to a NATO official, both the State Department and the Department of Homeland Se-

curity would represent the United States.

Though NATO drills can plan for and envision all sorts of crises, the oil scenario glows rather brightly on the alliance radar.

Last month terrorists killed 22 people, mostly foreigners with the energy industry, in the oil city of Khobar, Saudi Arabia. Friday, Saudi police shot four terrorists who reportedly beheaded American engineer Paul M. Johnson Jr. And last week, insurgents sabotaged oil lines in southern Iraq, shutting them down.

A NATO official, who asked not to be named, said the exercise had been planned about six months in advance, but that parallels to today's terrorist attacks are no accident.

"Unfortunately, it's very realistic these days," the official said.

An alliance release stated "NATO and Russia, together with other partners, have put [the] fight against terrorism firmly on the priority list of their agendas."

The scenario presupposes a nation's oil infrastructure is attacked so severely that it will need to seek help from outside, in



Courtesy of NATO

A paratrooper glides in during a NATO simulation of a search-and-rescue operation resulting from a chemical leak in Nogliki, Russia, in 2002. This week Russia hosts another NATO disaster exercise, this time in Kaliningrad, to drill in case of an attack on an oil platform.

this case the Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Center, based in Brussels.

Though the United States is not sending in ground teams during

the simulation, it will lend expertise in the analysis realm. According to the NATO official, the American entourage is believed to include Alexander Vershbow, the U.S. ambassador to Moscow, as well as a high-ranking Homeland Security official. Tom Leary, spokesman for the U.S. Embassy, said the State Department was preparing a release on the exercise but it had not yet been cleared by press time.

Kaliningrad Oblast, an enclave of the Russian Federation, is geographically cut off from the rest of the nation by Lithuania and Poland. That's a potential sore spot for Russia. When Lithuania joined NATO in April, it left the enclave surrounded by U.S. allies.

But the NATO official said the fact Russia would allow a NATO exercise there bodes well. During the Cold War, the city of Kaliningrad was a naval center sealed off from outsiders.

"A few years ago, if someone would say 'Let's have an exercise in Kaliningrad,' people in Russia would say, 'Hey, this area is very militarized,'" he said.

In the end, the official said, the mutual interests of fight terror together outweighs old distrust.

"It would take a lot of will not to spot that," he said.

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Crash kills Rota sailor as another is injured

By SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Stripes

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain. One Rota-based sailor was killed and another seriously injured over the weekend in a one-car accident off base, a Navy spokesman said on Monday.

Petty Officer 2nd class Timothy H. Sporerle died after the car he was traveling in flipped on a road near the naval station. Petty Officer Matthew S. Hays was injured in the accident and is listed in serious but stable condition with a spinal fracture at a hospital in Cadiz, said Chief Petty Officer Don Smithyman, a base spokesman.

Spanish authorities are investigating the incident, which happened around midnight on Friday. The Diario de Cadiz reported on Sunday that the sailors were driving on A-491. It hasn't been confirmed whether alcohol was involved.

The accident in Rota happened less than a week after three sailors from Naples, Italy, were killed in an automobile crash on a main highway near the city. Two sailors were seriously injured.

Sporerle, 31, of Climax Springs, Mo., was in the Navy just over four years and served as an aviation maintenance administration man with the base's Aircraft Maintenance Unit. Hays, 31, of Vancouver, Wash., is an aviation support equipment technician who also is assigned to the detachment, an engine repair shop scheduled to close next year.

Details of the crash are sketchy.

Sometime after the car rolled over, Hays — with a broken back — climbed from the wreckage and flagged down Spanish Guardia Civil officers, Smithyman said. The officers took Hays to the base hospital for initial treatment. Around 6:30 a.m. Saturday, officers found the wrecked car and discovered Sporerle dead at the scene.

The full extent of Hays' injuries is still being evaluated.

A memorial service for Sporerle is planned for this week but the time and date has not been determined.

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25 years of service honored

Above: Marines with Marine Corps Security Force Company Europe

conduct a pass and review Friday during Marine 1st Sgt. Jose Midence's retirement ceremony at Naval Station Rota, Spain. Midence retired after 25 years of service, which include five years with the Rota-based company. Right: Midence, right, shakes hands with Maj. Frank Lugo, commander of Marine Corps Security Force Company Europe.



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NFL player, cheerleaders to visit U.S. bases in Germany

By LISA HORN

Stars and Stripes

Fans of the gridiron can get a double dose of football fever next month.

As part of U.S. Army Europe's Summer Shoot Out program, the Seattle Seahawks cheerleaders and New Orleans running back Deuce McAllister will tour military bases in Germany from July 9 to 16.

The Summer Shoot Out program, which features celebrity visits and clinics, was created to give military families more to do during the summer months.

Six Sea Gals will visit four military communities where they will teach cheer and dance routines as well as a section on self-esteem, teamwork and physical well-being.

Their schedule is:

July 9 Kitzingen
July 10 Bamberg
July 12 Schweinfurt
July 13 Spangdahlem Air Base
McAllister will give clinics and sign autographs at four military installations. The 2004 Pro Bowler rushed for at least 100 yards in nine straight games in 2003 — the third-longest streak in National Football League history.

McAllister is scheduled to appear:
July 13 Baumholder
July 14 Giessen
July 15 Katterbach
July 16 Würzburg

For more information on when and where the Summer Shoot Out celebrities will appear, contact youth services or visit www.mwr-europe.com

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Change of command

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Col. Jesse Cross, commander of the 200th Materiel Management Center, will relinquish command to Col. Jarrod Reeves in a ceremony Wednesday.

The ceremony takes place at 11 a.m. at the 21st Theater Support Command parade field on Panzer Kaserne. A reception follows at the Kaiserslautern Community Activities Center, Building 319, Daenner Kaserne.

Reeves comes to the new command from his job as assistant chief of staff for operations at 21st TSC. Cross will become chief of plans and logistics for the U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla.

Graduation ceremony

The University of Oklahoma and Cameron University will hold a joint graduation ceremony at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Village Pavilion on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg, Germany.

The University of Oklahoma will recognize nearly 400 students who earned their master's or doctorate degrees in fall 2003 or spring 2004, or will complete their degree requirements this summer.

Cameron University will award 17 master's degrees.

From staff reports

Military still discharging key gay personnel

Linguists, nuclear warfare experts among those cut for sexual orientation

BY BETH FOUHY
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Brian Muller, an Army bomb squad team leader who served on a security detail for President Bush, said he was dismissed from duty after deciding to tell his commander he's gay.

"I didn't do it to get out of a war — I already served in a war," Muller, 25, said in an interview. "After putting my life on the line in the war, the idea that I was fighting for the freedoms of so many other people that I couldn't myself enjoy was almost unbearable."

The exodus of soldiers such as Muller continues even as concerns grow about military troop strength, according to a new study. Some 770 people were discharged for homosexuality last year under the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

The figure, however, is significantly lower than the record 1,227 discharges in 2001 — just before the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq. Since "don't ask, don't tell" was adopted in 1994, nearly 10,000 military personnel have been discharged — including linguists, nuclear warfare experts and other key specialists.

The statistics, obtained from the Defense Manpower Data Center and analyzed by the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military at the University of California at Santa Barbara, offers a detailed profile of those discharged, including job specialty, rank and years spent in the service.

"The justification for the policy is that allowing gays and lesbians to serve would undermine military readiness," said Aaron Belkin, author of the study, which will be released



Brian Muller, 25, a highly trained bomb squad leader in the U.S. Army, was discharged under the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy. During his eight years in the Army, Muller was deployed to Afghanistan and Bosnia and assigned to a security detail for President Bush.

Monday. "For the first time, we can see how it has impacted every corner of the military and goes to the heart of the military readiness argument."

"Don't ask, don't tell" allows gays to serve

in the military as long as they keep their sexual orientation private and do not engage in homosexual acts.

The study, which analyzed discharges between 1998 and 2003, found the majority of those let go under "don't ask, don't tell" were active-duty enlisted personnel in the early stages of their careers.

Of the nearly 6,300 people discharged during that six-year period, only 75 were officers. Seventy-one percent of those discharged were men. The study found that the Army, the largest of the services, was responsible for about 41 percent of all discharges. About 27 percent of the discharges came from the Navy, 22 percent from the Air Force, and 9 percent from the Marines.

Hundreds of those discharged held high-level job specialties that required years of training and expertise, including 90 nuclear power engineers, 150 rocket and missile specialists and 49 nuclear, chemical, and biological warfare specialists. Eighty-eight linguists were discharged, including at least seven Arab language specialists.

Elaine Donnelly of the Center for Military Readiness, a conservative advocacy group that opposes gays serving in the military, said the loss of gays and lesbians serving in specialized areas is irrelevant because they never should have been in those jobs in the first place.

"We need to defend the law, and the law says that homosexuality is incompatible with military service," Donnelly said. "There is no shortage of people in the military, and we do not need people who identify themselves as homosexual."

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IN THE STATES

Court sides with HMOs on malpractice

Takes away patient's ability to win large damages at the state level

BY ANNE GEARAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Monday that patients who claim their HMOs wouldn't pay for recommended medical care cannot sue for big malpractice damages, removing a weapon that trial lawyers and patient rights advocates said was crucial to keep the insurers honest.

The court was unanimous in saying that two HMO patients in Texas cannot pursue big malpractice or negligence cases against their insurers in state court, as they claimed a Texas patient protection law allowed them to do.

The case involves an issue that has stymied Congress, which has tried and failed to pass national patients' rights legislation.

The biggest question unresolved until Monday was whether patients could seek hefty damage awards in state courts, or whether they are limited only to federal courts, as insurers claimed.

Insurers have claimed that patients could only go to federal court, and then only to recover the value of whatever benefit the HMO denied.

The ruling weakens the Texas patient protection law and those of other states.

The court based its ruling on the language of a 20-year-old federal law, originally meant to protect employee pensions and other benefits, but now applied to the managed care industry.

The law, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, or ERISA, forces the HMO patients at issue in the case to sue only in federal courts, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the court.

Other Supreme Court rulings

The Associated Press

■ Ruled that people do not have a constitutional right to refuse to tell police their names. The 5-4 decision says the government must arrest and punish people who won't cooperate by revealing their identity.

The decision was a defeat for privacy rights advocates who argued that the government could use this power to force people who have done nothing wrong, other than catch the attention of police, to divulge information that may be used for broad data base searches.

■ Ruled that a U.S. judge has the power to force the world's largest computer chip-maker, California-based Intel Corp., to turn over records to foreign regulators.

Justices decided on a 7-1 vote that a federal law gives American judges discretion to help people or governments obtain testimony or information for use in foreign or inter-

national tribunals, such as overseas criminal prosecutions.

■ Allowed a lawsuit to proceed that accuses the Archdiocese of Milwaukee of transferring the child molester from Wisconsin to work as a Roman Catholic priest in California.

■ Turned aside an appeal from the family of a guest murdered days after he admitted a secret crush on another man during the taping of the "Jenny Jones Show."

■ Turned down an opportunity to weigh whether a lower court was wrong to rule that Southeastern California's Imperial Valley has serious air pollution problems.

■ Refused to consider the appeal of a South Carolina death row inmate convicted of killing two third-graders during a shooting spree at an elementary school in 1988.

Mental health groups had urged it to use Jamie Wilson's case to decide if it is unconstitutional for states to execute people who were seriously mentally ill when they committed their crimes.

seen by administrators who may not be doctors but who nonetheless decide what the company will pay for.

The court ruled against a hysterectomy patient, Ruby Calad, of Sugar Land, who had claimed that Cigna Healthcare of Texas essentially evicted her from a Houston hospital after only one day of recovery.

The Supreme Court did not decide whether Calad deserved better — only whether and where she could bring her lawsuit.

9/11 panel may endorse centralizing intelligence

BY PETE YOST
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A member of the Sept. 11 commission predicts the panel will support centralization of the nation's intelligence agencies as the only way to prevent future terrorist attacks.

"You're going to see unanimous recommendations on the intelligence community ... They couldn't distinguish between a bicycle crash and a train wreck," commissioner John Lehman, a Republican, said Sunday in previewing a final report due for completion next month.

Centralization will enable information to get to people "in a position to make a difference," the former secretary of the Navy said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Change must be fundamental, Lehman said, "not just tweaking and moving the deck chairs or the organization boxes around," and the FBI should undergo a transformation.

The comments came amid a debate over the Bush administration's insistence that there were no links between al-Qaida and Saddam Hussein, an assertion that provided the White House with an important justification for invading Iraq.

A commission staff report released last week, said there were contacts between Osama bin Laden's terror network and the Iraqi government, but they did not appear to have collaborated.

Commission chairman Thomas Kean, a former Republican governor of New Jersey, said "we don't see any serious conflicts" between the panel's and the White House's positions. At the same time, he said, "We believe ... that there were a lot more active contacts, frankly, with Iran and with Pakistan than there were with Iraq."

Along with differences over ties between Saddam's government and al-Qaida, a new question arose over whether President Bush or Vice President Dick Cheney gave the order on Sept. 11, 2001, to shoot down the fourth of the hijacked airliners.

The two told the commission that Bush gave his approval after a discussion with Cheney, who was in the White House command center.

On the issue of al-Qaida's ties to Iraq under Saddam, Lehman defended Cheney's more aggressive posture of that idea.

Lehman said new intelligence that "we are now in the process of getting" indicates one of Saddam's Fedayeen fighters, a lieutenant colonel, was a prominent al-Qaida member.

First private space flight is successful

BY JOHN ANTCAK
The Associated Press

MOJAVE, Calif. — A rocket plane soared above Earth's atmosphere Monday in the first privately financed manned space flight, then glided back to Earth for an unpowered landing.

SpaceShipOne pilot Mike Melvill was aiming to fly 62 miles above the Earth's surface and he just exceeded that goal, reaching 62.2 miles, according to radar data.

The ship touched down at Mojave Airport to applause and cheers at 8:15 a.m. PDT, about 90 minutes after it was carried aloft slung under the belly of the jet-powered X-40.

The mission announcer said the mission had been successful.

"Beautiful sight, Mike," mission control said to Melvill as the gliding spaceship slowly circled toward its landing.

Later, standing on the tarmac beside the ship, Melvill said seeing the Earth from outside the atmosphere was "almost a religious experience."

"You can see the curvature of the Earth," he said. "You got hell of a view from 60, 62 miles."

Melvill said he heard a loud bang during the flight and did not know what it was. But he pointed to a place at the rear of the spacecraft where a part of the structure covering the nozzle had buckled, suggesting it may have been the source of the noise.

Both craft were built by innovative aircraft designer Burt



The White Knight aircraft carries SpaceShipOne and pilot Michael W. White down a taxiway Monday in Mojave, Calif.

Rutan, and the project was funded by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, who described the cost as being in excess of \$20 million.

Rutan said the flight was remarkable because SpaceShipOne both reached space and then returned so smoothly.

Federal Aviation Administration representative Patricia Grace Smith presented Melvill with the agency's first commer-

cial astronaut wings.

SpaceShipOne is the leading contender for the Ansari X Prize, a \$10 million award to the first privately financed three-seat spacecraft to reach 62 miles and repeat the feat within two weeks.

The three-seat requirement demonstrates the capacity for paying customers; the quick turnaround between flights demonstrates reusability and reliability.

Troubled Connecticut governor set to resign

BY SUSAN HAIGH
The Associated Press Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. — Gov. John G. Rowland was expected to announce his resignation Monday night, cutting short his tumultuous third term amid a federal corruption investigation and a growing move to impeach him, his lawyer said.

The Republican governor was plan-

ning to announce his resignation on a live television address to the state at 6 p.m., lawyer William Dow III said Monday.

Dow would not specify when the resignation would take effect, but an administration source speaking on condition of anonymity said it would be effective at noon July 1.

Rowland's resignation will elevate

Health care, Mideast top Clinton's regrets

President talks on what he considers his failures

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For Bill Clinton, his greatest failures as president have nothing to do with the scandal over his affair with a White House intern.

"I'm sorry on the home front that we didn't get health care and that we didn't reform Social Security," the former president told CBS' "60 Minutes" in an interview aired Sunday.

In international affairs, Clinton said he regrets he wasn't able to persuade the Israelis and Palestinians to make peace and that he "didn't succeed in getting Osama bin Laden."

He gave the interview in advance of Tuesday's release of his 957-page memoir, "My Life."

On the Middle East, Clinton placed the blame for the collapse of his efforts to broker a peace deal squarely on the shoulders of Yasser Arafat. The Palestinian



Clinton

leader refused to accept formulas for peace offered by Clinton in late 2000.

"This was an error of historic proportions," Clinton said. Clinton recalled a lighter moment seven years earlier just before the signing of the Oslo peace accords. Clinton had told Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that he would have to shake Arafat's hand. Rabin begrudgingly agreed, saying, "All right. But no kissing."

So, Clinton said he and national security adviser Tony Lake found themselves practicing at being Rabin and Arafat to figure out how to keep Rabin from receiving the traditional Arab greeting of a kiss on the cheek. They eventually found a way, leading to a historic handshake at the White House.

The former president says his worst day in the White House came when he had to tell his wife, Hillary, about his affair with Monica Lewinsky. "I had a sleepless night and woke her up and sat down on the side of the bed and just told her," he said. "It was awful."

Clinton said one of his finest days in the White House was daughter Chelsea's high school graduation. "When I saw what she had become ... that's probably the best day."



Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., left, leaves St. Mary Our Lady of the Isle with his wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, after attending Sunday Mass in Nantucket, Mass. The Kerry presidential campaign is rejecting a donation from the son of South Korea's ex-president. AP

Kerry returns S. Korean's check

BY JOHN SOLOMON AND SHARON THEIMER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John Kerry is returning a \$2,000 check from the son of South Korea's disgraced ex-president after learning the donor was charged with tax evasion.

The Democratic senator's presidential campaign also acknowledges that some of its fund-raisers met with a South Korean government official who was trying to organize a Korean-American political group. That official has been sent home amid questions

he was involving himself in American politics.

The Kerry campaign said it did not know about the \$2,000 donation from Chun Jae-yong or his background until informed by The Associated Press. "We are sending the check back," spokesman Michael Meehan said.

Chun Jae-yong was arrested in February by South Korean authorities on charges of evading taxes on \$14 million in inheritance money. His father, former president Chun Doo-hwan, was convicted in 1997 on bribery charges.

Chun Jae-yong was a business

partner with Rick Yi, one of Kerry's major fund-raisers in the Asian-American community. Yi acknowledged soliciting the donation from Chun last summer before learning of his legal problems.

"I didn't think anything wrong of it," said Yi, who is listed as one of the campaign's fund-raising vice chairmen. "If I had known who he was at the time I probably would not have taken the money."

South Korea-U.S. relations have been strained over the North Korean nuclear weapons program and the Bush administration's decision to reduce the number of U.S. troops in South Korea.

Evangelicals mull guidelines on political roles

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A national evangelical group is mulling guidelines that would warn the faithful against allying themselves too closely with any one political party, "lest nonbelievers think that Christian faith is essential to political nature."

A draft of guidelines circulating in the National Association of Evangelicals advises believers to "be careful to avoid the excesses of nationalism" while maintaining a commitment to religious free-

dom at home and abroad.

The framework, obtained by the Los Angeles Times, exhorts evangelicals to oppose "social evils" such as alcohol, drugs, abortion and stem-cell research.

The proposal shows that evangelicals have become more conscious of their political impact, experts told the Times in Sunday's newspaper.

Those drafting the guidelines said evangelicals must step back from politics and rethink their approach — a feeling reflected in the new document.

Colleges still cautious a year after justices' affirmative action ruling

BY JUSTIN POPE

The Associated Press

One year ago this week, supporters of affirmative action cheered as the U.S. Supreme Court upheld factoring race into college admissions.

The decisions in two cases involving the University of Michigan, they said, would ensure racial diversity for many of America's selective colleges.

But in the months since, some of the sheen has come off their victory. The win came after a decade in which legal uncertainty and public pressure had caused colleges to shy away from the most overt forms of affirmative action, and supporters think some colleges are still gunshy.

"I've been struck by the irony that, in the year since Michigan ... some institutions have retreated from affirmative action even though we won the case," said Ted Shaw, president of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. "They have not taken full advantage of what happened."

Few doubt the general commitment to racial diversity of most colleges. Universities believe their prestige and competitiveness would suffer if they had all-white student bodies.

So how to explain colleges' lingering caution? Experts point to several reasons, such as legal uncertainty, cost and expectations



Affirmative action is still a touchy issue at colleges and universities a year after a Supreme Court ruling upheld using race as a factor in admissions. AP

that affirmative action might one day be abolished.

Looking at admissions to Michigan's undergraduate program and its law school, the court permitted colleges to give a boost to minority applicants, but only as part of a "holistic review" of every applicant. The court allowed the use of time- and money-saving formulas that automatically credit race.

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IN THE WORLD

Iran captures
three British
patrol boatsArrests crew after ships
entered territorial waters

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Monday it had confiscated three British naval vessels and arrested eight armed crewmembers.

The Royal Navy acknowledged it had lost contact with three small patrol boats on a routine mission in the waterway between Iraq and Iran.

British officials did not confirm the boats were captured or the crewmembers detained.

"I can confirm that three small Royal Navy patrol boats and eight crew have been out of communication since the early hours of this morning," said a British military spokesman in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on condition of anonymity. "It is not unusual for the Royal Navy to be patrolling the Shatt-al-Arab" waterway.

Iranian-British relations have been strained in recent days, since London helped draft a resolution at the International Atomic Energy Agency's board of governors meeting last week in Vienna that rebuked Iran for past coverups involving its development of nuclear technology.

Iran says its program is aimed only at producing energy, while the United States accuses Tehran of trying to develop nuclear weapons. Iran accused Britain of caviling in U.S. pressure on the resolution.

The three British vessels entered Iranian territorial waters not far from the Iran-Iraq border, the Arabic language Al-Alam television reported.

The Iranian TV report said crewmembers were carrying maps and weapons. It also said the vessels were confiscated about 11 a.m. between the Bahmanshir and Arvand rivers, which would put them in the Shatt-al-Arab waterway east of the Iraqi city of Faw.

The ministry said there were no British warships operating in the Shatt-al-Arab waterway but some smaller vessels were there.

The Foreign Office said British diplomats in Tehran had been in contact with the Iranian government but it was still unclear what had happened.

The Royal Navy has been training Iraqi personnel in coastal defense for several years, but the vessels were part of that exercise.

Just a hoot



An owl perches near Stonehenge as revelers gather to mark the longest day of the northern hemisphere at the summer solstice ceremonies in Stonehenge, England. The stone circle, built between 3000 B.C. and 1600 B.C., is one of Britain's most popular tourist attractions.

Saudis deny aiding kidnapping of American

BY SALAH NASRAWI

The Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — The al-Qaida group responsible for beheading an American engineer said sympathizers in the Saudi security forces provided police uniforms and cars used during the victim's kidnapping, according to an Islamic extremist Web site. But Saudi officials deny any involvement.

The account on Sunday of the abduction of Paul Johnson Jr., who was later decapitated, highlighted the fears that militants have infiltrated Saudi security forces — a possibility Saudi officials deny.

"The notion that our security services are infiltrated by the terrorists really doesn't hold. If that were the case, they would not be going after soft targets, they would be going after government installations," Adel al-Jubeiri, Crown Prince Abdullah's foreign affairs adviser in Washington said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Police and military uniforms would be easy to find without assistance, he said, and Saudi authorities found in one of their raids on a terror base cars that had been painted to look like police cars.

The article recounting the abduction appeared in Sawt al-Jihad, or Voice of the Holy War, a semi-monthly Internet periodical posted by al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula — the group that claimed responsibility for killing Johnson.

According to the account, militants wearing police uniforms and using police cars set up a fake checkpoint June 12 on al-Khadma Road, leading to the airport, near Imam Mohammed bin Saud University.

When Johnson's car approached the checkpoint, the militants stopped it, detained him, anesthetized him and carried him to another car, the article said. Earlier Saudi newspaper reports said Johnson was drugged during the kidnapping.

On Sunday, police confirmed the search for Johnson's body and the militants involved in his death. Police cars, armored vehicles and a large contingent of emergency forces blockaded the al-Malaz area Sunday in a search for suspects, security officials said. Hours later, the blockade was lifted and security forces left. It was unclear whether anyone was arrested.

On Monday, Saudi newspapers and several terror analysts predicted Saleh Mohammed al-Aoufi would most likely take over leadership of al-Qaida in Saudi Arabia. Al-Aoufi reportedly trained with the Saudi military and worked as a prison guard before joining Muslim militants in Afghanistan.

Previous leader Abdullaziz al-Moqrin, mastermind of the kidnapping and beheading of Johnson, was killed in a shootout with Saudi police Friday. Al-Aoufi is fifth on the Saudi government list of most wanted terrorists.

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Military rates	
Euro.....	\$1.243
British pound.....	\$1.86
Japanese yen (June 22).....	106.00
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Bahrain (Dinar).....	0.377
British pound.....	\$1.836
Canada (Dollar).....	0.666
Denmark (Krone).....	6.148
Euro (Pound).....	6.18
Euro.....	\$1.208
Hong Kong (Dollar).....	7.988
Hungary (Forint).....	209.73
Israel (Shekel).....	4.984
Japan (Yen).....	106.25
Kuwait (Dinar).....	0.2947
Norway (Krone).....	6.392
Philippines (Peso).....	56.14
Saudi Arabia (Riyal).....	5.12
Singapore (Dollar).....	1.726
S. Korea (Won).....	1,155.70
Switzerland (Franc).....	1.269
Thailand (Baht).....	46.95
Turkey (Lira).....	1,493.57

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INTEREST RATES

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Discount rate.....	2.00
Three-month market rate.....	2.00
3-month bill.....	1.390
3-month T-bill.....	1.530

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

Cents and Sensibility
Money tip of the day

Spot lousy index offers

Knight Ridder Tribune

The debate over index funds vs. actively managed funds is often obscured as a choice between low costs and high costs, but that's oversimplifying things.

Sure, the cheapest funds are index funds, but there are also actively managed funds and high-cost index funds. If you own a high-cost index fund, dump it. The point of index funds, after all, is low costs.

High turnover is a rough mea-

sure of another type of cost. Trading costs add to a fund's overall expenses, sometimes substantially. So be sure to check any stock index funds with high turnover.

Finally, avoid a narrowly focused, volatile index fund. Concentration and volatility by themselves aren't an impediment to attractive long-term returns for a fund. However, they decrease the likelihood investors will hold the fund long enough to enjoy those attractive returns.

EU seeks candidates for president

BY PAUL GEITNER

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — After desludging at last week's summit, European Union leaders cast about Monday for fresh faces to fill the bloc's top political job, with the Irish prime minister and a Spanish foreign policy expert the latest names being floated.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, who is leading the search for someone acceptable to all 25 EU countries, was himself being touted as a possible choice after he told Ireland's RTE television over the weekend that he was not in the race — "at this stage."

The job of European Commis-

sion president never has any declared candidates, and is filled through discreet lobbying in European capitals.

Some saw momentum building behind EU foreign policy representative Javier Solana, a Spaniard who seemed to cast his hat into the ring over the weekend.

"There are people who could do it better than I, but if there were a consensus request by the political leaders of the EU, it would be very difficult for me to say no," Solana told reporters at a conference in Sitges, Spain.

But on Monday, he insisted he was not in the race.

"I just had an operation," Solana said, pointing to his right knee. "I am not running for anything."

Afghan voter registration office attacked

By STEPHEN GRAHAM
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — More NATO troops are urgently needed to secure Afghanistan ahead of September elections, the top U.N. envoy in the country said Monday after militants attacked a voter registration office near the capital.

Assailants also killed an Afghan soldier, and injured a second, who were deployed to protect election workers in southern Kandahar province.

Jean Arnault said that a wave

U.N. envoy urges NATO to boost presence before elections

of violence — including recent deadly attacks on foreigners and relief workers — showed increased “volatility” ahead of the polls, and said “the time is now” for NATO to boost its presence.

“The events of the past three weeks have demonstrated that security is not improving,” he told a news conference in Kabul.

Early Monday, attackers fired three rocket-propelled grenades at the registration office in the main town of Logar province,

about 35 miles south of Kabul, damaging the building but hurting no one.

Gen. Atia Ullah Ludin, the provincial commander, blamed rebels of the former Taliban regime and renegade warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, who have vowed to sabotage the vote — seen as key to rehabilitating a country shattered by war.

Arnault expressed concern over an attack so close to the security blanket provided by the exist-

ing 6,000 NATO-led peacekeepers in the capital.

NATO has promised for months to deploy more forces across the north of the country, but nations have been slow to commit troops.

NATO leaders are due to discuss the issue at a June 28-29 summit in Turkey.

Security concerns have deepened this month, with the slaying of 11 Chinese road workers and five aid workers, three of them

Europeans, in northern provinces, once regarded as relatively stable.

Meanwhile, electoral teams have come under repeated attack in the lawless south and east, where the Taliban and al-Qaida rebels are strongest, leaving two British U.N. contractors dead in May and several Afghans wounded.

On Monday, assailants on two motorbikes sprayed a vehicle carrying two Afghan soldiers, killing one and wounding the second, as they traveled to an election office in Arghandab district, about 20 miles north of Kandahar city.

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Tran Van Hay, 67, from Chau Thanh district in a southern province of Vietnam, holds his hair, which measures at more than 20 feet long.

Vietnamese man vies for record for longest hair

The Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — A Vietnamese man who hasn't been to a barber in 31 years is vying to get in the Guinness World Records for having the longest hair, state-controlled media reported Monday.

Tran Van Hay's hair is 20 feet long, Thanh Nien (Young People) newspaper said.

Normally tied up and covered by a scarf, his hair has grown four feet in the past seven years. He last had it washed six years ago, the paper said.

Hay, 67, is a traditional medicine practitioner from southern Kien Giang province, some 220 miles southwest of Ho Chi Minh City. He provides free treatment to villagers in the region.

The Guinness Web site says the current record for long hair, set in 1997, is held by Hoo Sateow of Chiang Mai, Thailand, at 16 feet 11 inches.

OPINION

Only a complete stem-cell soul-search is fair

People who had no kind word for Nancy Reagan when she was first lady held their tongues, as a matter of courtesy, when President Reagan got sick. And now these gentry have made her a champion of their current cause, which is embryonic stem-cell research.

William F. Buckley



News stories feature her as a great force pleading for a modification in hidebound policies set by President Bush. She brings with her that holy consecration to a cause that, she maintains, had it been explored a generation ago, might have spared her husband the pains he suffered in the 10 years that led up to the most keenly felt death of modern times.

The art of argumentation is polarize. The cause you embrace is the cause of the wise and the virtuous. The negative is that of opportunists and of moral dumb-mindedness. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., is very good at this formulaic art, and is quoted most recently as saying, "If it's a matter of throwing away embryos or saving lives with them, the answer is very clear-cut." But if the right thing to do were very clear-cut, there wouldn't be reason to delay in addressing the problem.

The quarrel is over Bush's position on embryonic stem cells. In 2001 he adopted a policy releasing a given number of them for scientific work. These were specially selected because they were deemed in serious doubt they could not be cloned for experiments of

a kind that might edge in the direction of playing with tissues which could be said to be, conceivably, human beings.

Arguing against such limitation is the community that tends to side with science, except when science is making nuclear bombs. These folk argue that worry over embryonic stem cells is, in fact, a false worry inasmuch as such cells are never going to evolve into human beings.

Meanwhile, nobody is pointing to any specific program abjured by the absence of additional lines of cells, and there is infinite work yet to be done exploring whether adult stem cells can in due course accomplish what the embryonic stem cells, the gold-standard research ingredients, promise. But a political will is shaping up.

Two hundred members of Congress and 58 senators have urged the president to modify his quarantine, and Nancy Reagan is adopted as the Mother Teresa of political reform.

The philosophical question is of course the root question, even as it is the root question when considering abortion, or suicide.

But the political question surely comes first. There is no constitutional provision that gives to the chief executive exclusive authority over the disposition of embryonic stem cells. Most of these, to be sure, are the result of scientific and medical activity that is the result of government endorsement. But this should not give to the executive arm exclusively authority to rule on the question. If the majority in Congress feels that to deny stem-cell reserves is wrong and shortsighted, let it vote to change the policy.

But as the question gallops forward, asking for primary political stage time, we should give thought to the questions touched



upon by the ordeal of Ronald Reagan.

Begin by recognizing that the ordeal was not by any means his alone, but that also of his wife, and of the scientific community that automatically takes on the job of prolonging human life. If, two weeks ago, the patient in Bel Air, Calif., had suffered a mere reversal, all would have labored intensively to keep him alive.

The high cost of Ronald Reagan's illness is measured not exclusively by what it did to him. Secondary costs included nursing Nancy Reagan's life. And, yes, absorbing a thousand hours of medical time and effort in

the asymptotic enterprise of keeping someone alive. It can't be done forever, so that the question arises not only how the illness might have been avoided, but also how reasonably to react after illness had set in.

That question asks, once again, for consideration at two levels. Morally, one asks, do we need fresher guidelines for dealing with the incurably sick? And politically we ask: Is there a reasonable limit to the claims of the incurably ill? Bush would be wise to reconsider whether he has been thought to be the president's exclusive authority over such questions of life and death and hubris.

Catholic voters often chose to defy pro-life politics

By ANDREW GREELY

"Will Catholics vote against Gov. Carter, Mr. Mayor, because of his abortion stance?" The mayor of Chicago stared at the reporter with the bemusement from he reserved for silly questions. "They don't vote that way." Twenty-eight years later, they still don't vote that way. Nevertheless, in the run-up to the last seven presidential elections, experts on both sides have predicted that the "Catholic anti-abortion" vote would cause trouble for the Democrats, especially given the drift of Catholics from Democratic alignment. Both these "theories"—a Catholic anti-abortion vote and a Catholic realignment—are urban folk tales that float around in the collective consciousness of the media with little basis in fact.

The definitive study of religious realignment in presidential elections was written by Jeff Manza and Clem Brooks in the July 1997 issue of the *American Journal of Sociology*. The two scholars found that when all relevant variables were taken into account, there had been two major religious realignments since 1950, both of them Protestant. Religiously liberal Protestants shifted to the Democrats and religiously conservative Protestants to the Republicans. Even in elections as late as the 1984 GOP triumph, when a majority of Catholics followed the national trend and voted for Ronald Reagan, Catholics didn't move to the right nearly as much as white Protestants did.

In 2000 election, it would appear from available data (such as the 2002 General Social Survey of the National Opinion Research Center and the National Election Study of the Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan) that Catholics were more likely than white Protestants to favor Al Gore, by a margin of about 10 percentage points—a similar margin to that of John

Kerry in current polls. Indeed, according to Voter News Service exit polls, Gore did well in states with a substantial number of Catholic voters—margins of 30 percentage points among Catholics in Massachusetts, 17 in Illinois, 15 in New York, Maryland and Arizona. So much for the realignment to the GOP.

But what about the Catholic pro-life vote? According to the National Opinion Research Center, or NORC, Catholics and Protestants differ little on a battery of abortion questions; large majorities think that abortion should be available when there is a risk of a defective child, a threat to the mother's health or a pregnancy caused by rape, while similar majorities reject abortion if the woman is unmarried or cannot afford another child or simply doesn't want a child. Only 4 percent of American Catholics consider themselves pro-life on all seven NORC questions, and a third of those voted for Gore anyway, despite his pro-choice stand.

One might argue that Catholics should oppose abortion in all circumstances, but in fact they do not.

A useful item to measure the effect of such attitudes is abortion after rape. Among Protestants questioned, 20 percent reject the availability of abortion in such circumstances, as do 24 percent of Catholics. The latter group was 10 percentage points less likely to vote for Gore than were other Catholics. The net loss of Catholic votes to the vice president therefore was 10 percent of 24 percent, or 2.4 percent.

Because Catholics are approximately a quarter of the American population, one quarter of 2.4 percent is six-tenths of 1 percent. That is the small amount by which Gore's popular-vote victory would have increased if abortion had not been an issue for some Catholics. Moreover, these calculations assume that abortion was the reason why anti-abortion Catholics did not vote for

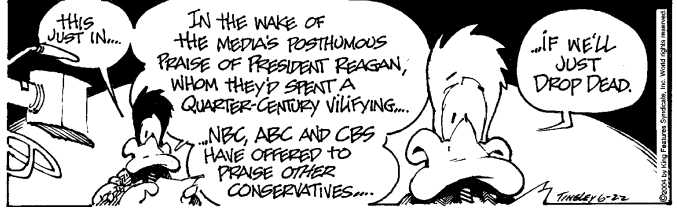
Gore. So the effect of Catholic abortion attitudes might have been even smaller.

To rephrase the mayor's comment, most Catholics do not vote on the basis of the abortion issue, and those who do have little effect. What then of the publicity created by some bishops who say Kerry has no right to receive communion and by the bishop of Colorado Springs, who contends that Catholics will lose the right to the sacraments if they vote for Kerry? An ad hoc committee of the bishops on such issues is unlikely to endorse draconian measures of this sort. Moreover, it is improbable that the Catholic hierarchy, disgraced and discredited as it is by the sexual abuse scandal, has the moral high ground to influence Catholic voters any more than it ever did, which was not at all.

Andrew M. Greeley, a priest and sociologist on the staff of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago and the sociology department at the University of Arizona, is the author of *Religions: A Calling in the 21st Century*. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

Mallard Fillmore

By BRUCE TINSLEY



Mayor makes list

NV NEW PALTZ — Mayor, house painter, gay rights advocate and now, one of the country's most eligible bachelors.

Move over, George Clooney — New Paltz Mayor Jason West is one of America's "50 Hottest Bachelors," at least according to People magazine.

"Oh my God, what I'm thinking!" West said, when asked by the Times-Herald Record of Middletown about agreeing to the People interview.

A sometimes house painter who makes \$18,000 a year as mayor, West finds himself among a high-falutin crowd on the bachelors' list that includes Hollywood heart-throb Tom Cruise, Google billionaire Larry Page and "Lord of the Rings" star Orlando Bloom.

West first attracted national headlines in February when he presided over the marriages of more than two dozen same-sex couples in his Hudson Valley village.

Lawsuit limits

MS JACKSON — Gov. Haley Barbour has signed a bill that puts limits on lawsuits, saying the changes will help the state's business climate. Barbour signed the bill last week during a Capitol ceremony attended by legislators and business leaders. The bill makes several changes in where lawsuits can be filed and how much can be awarded.

The bill caps pain-and-suffering damage awards at \$1 million and caps medical malpractice cases at \$500,000.

Fire marshal misses

KS LAWRENCE — The Kansas Fire Marshal's Office failed to inspect hundreds of schools, hospitals and other medical facilities, a state audit shows. The report said 19 percent of schools and 24 percent of health-care buildings haven't had an inspection in the last 13 months, a violation of statutory requirements.

Apprentice college credit

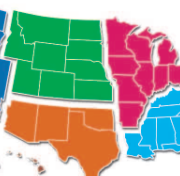
NJ ATLANTIC CITY — Union apprentices in seven building and construction trades will soon be eligible for college credit for their on-the-job learning, Gov. James E. McGreevey announced. Electricians will be eligible this year, and members of other trades will be involved starting in January.

Bigger state budget

MO JEFFERSON CITY — Gov. Bob Holden has signed an \$18.9 billion state operating budget into law. The plan that takes effect July 1 is \$1 billion larger than this year's. It provides the largest increase in basic school funding in four years. It also increases funding to Medicaid and gives state employees pay raises.

Store limit lifted

AK HOMER — Voters in this scenic, seaside town approved a measure that nearly doubles the allowable limit on the size of future store construction. The



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

vote gives a green light to Fred Meyer to build a 45,000-square-foot store, the minimum size the company would consider.

School taken over

LA NEW ORLEANS — State officials have given control of a middle school to the University of New Orleans, the first time a poorly performing school has been taken over under a constitutional amendment approved by voters last year.

The goal is to prop up an academic program at the Pierre A. Capdan Middle School, which has been rated as a failure every year since 1999. Takeovers at other schools are possible next year.

Rent on the rise

NV NEW YORK — Tenants in New York City's 1 million rent-stabilized apartments are going to be paying more for their digs come the fall.

Increases of 3.5 percent for one-year leases and 6.5 percent for two-year leases were approved Thursday by the Rent Guidelines Board.

Tenants who pay their own heat and hot water will pay increases of 3 percent and 6 percent for one-year and two-year leases respectively. Rents at residential hotels were frozen, while loft rents were increased by 2.5 percent for

one-year leases and 5.5 percent for two-year leases. The hikes, passed on a 6-3 vote, take effect Oct. 1.

Both tenants and landlords showed up at the meeting — and neither group was happy with the outcome.

The residents said the higher housing costs would make it harder to make ends meet. The landlords said the increases weren't enough to offset their costs, which are also on the rise.

Dam center upgrade

NV LAS VEGAS — The visitor center at Hoover Dam will get a \$1.3 million upgrade, with new exhibits for the center's main hall, theater lobby and entrance, the federal Bureau of Reclamation said.

The agency operates the dam on the Colorado River, about 30 miles east of Las Vegas.

Bring on the noise

TX BANDERA — Fun-loving Bandera, concerned that a strict new noise ordinance could derail its image and drive away tourists from the "Cowboy Capital of the World," has decided to party on.

City council members agreed unanimously this week to rescind rules adopted last month that limited outdoor amplified music to no later than 10 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, except by special permit, the San Antonio Express-News reported Saturday.

Also eliminated was a provision that said a violation may occur if noise — at any level — "unreasonably injures, disturbs or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others."

Resident Jim Smith was among speakers at Thursday's meeting who urged the council to rethink the ordinance.

"Somebody is trying to kill the town, where we can't have no fun anymore," Smith said.

But a handful of speakers pleaded for rules that allow for sleep undisturbed by late-night music from bars.

"Why do they have to play it so blottoom loud? You couldn't even hear a romantic remark from your dance partner," Jane Dry said. "Turn the drum amplifiers down at 10 p.m. That's all we ask."

Costumed worker tackled

UT OREM — Talk about a frosty reception.

Andrea Wilcox was trying to lure customers to a suburban Salt Lake City Dairy Queen restaurant last weekend by wearing an inflatable "Curly Top" suit when she was suddenly tackled for no apparent reason.

"I heard a truck drive up behind me, so I turned around and was waving at them when a kid jumped out and ran toward me," said Wilcox, who didn't get a good view of the person. "I thought, 'What is he doing?' and he just tackled me like a football player."

Manager Sophie Thomas devised a new policy when it comes to wearing Curly Top.

"I will now only let them out there if there are two of them," she said.



Zippling along Jennifer Jones, a market research analyst for St. Luke's Hospital, holds on tight as she speeds down a zipline in Kansas City, Mo. Corporate employees of St. Luke's Health System got a chance to test Adventure Woods' new 375-foot long line that zips participants over a ravine and creek while promoting teamwork and self-confidence.



Llamarama Owners and handlers line up in the exposition hall before a llama race at the Windsor, Maine, Fairgrounds during the annual Fibre Frolic. Sheep, llamas, alpacas and rabbits were on display during the celebration of Maine-grown fibers.



Art by the pack Butte artists Susan Smaka and Eben Goff assemble a repainted cigarette vending machine they converted into a Pac-O-Art machine at the Butte-Silver Bow Arts Center in Butte, Mont. The machine dispenses \$5 packs of miniature artwork by local artists.



Hole in the wall
sign in Columbus, Ohio.

A construction worker looks out of a pre-cast concrete wall that will be part of the new Loann Crane Center for Design at the Columbus College of Art and Design in Columbus, Ohio.



When art's a sticky business

Kids ride on a float they made out of

duct tape for the Avon Heritage Duct Tape Festival parade in Avon, Ohio. The festival in Avon, known as the "Duct Tape Capital" of the world for being home to the Duck brand duct tape and Henkel Consumer Adhesives, features large duct tape sculptures, games and rides.



Bold new look

Kenneth Parson of Pittsburg, Kan., sports his own brand of fashion around the campgrounds of Lake Clinton Park, near Lawrence, Kan., for the first day of the Wakarusa Music and Camping Festival.



Parting the waters

Eric Mathis and his girlfriend, Katie Seiz, brave Mississippi River floodwaters as they leave the Sturgis on the River festival in Davenport, Iowa.

Protecting ladies' night

NI TRENTON — It's unanimous: Women deserve a cheap drink, at least in New Jersey bars and restaurants.

Despite an administrative ruling that says the ladies' night at a Cherry Hill bar and restaurant violated state civil rights rules, Assembly members Thursday said there ought to be a law protecting the practice.

The Assembly voted 78-0 to approve a bill making it legal for bar owners and others to offer special promotions such as charging women different prices for drinks. The measure was designed to specifically overturn a June 1 ruling.

Earlier this month, the director of the state Division on Civil Rights ruled in favor of a man who said it wasn't fair for women to get into the Coastline bar and restaurant in Cherry Hill for free and enjoy discounted drinks while men paid \$5 and full price for beverages.

Diners sickened

CO FORT COLLINS — Health officials say they're investigating after more than 240 people reported they were sickened after eating at the Texas Roadhouse restaurant in Fort Collins.

The restaurant, part of a national chain based in Louisville, Ky., was temporarily closed.

Record-setting chicken

AL BESSEMER — Matilda really is a magic chicken. Long a prop in a magician's show, the hen from Bessemer has been certified by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest living chicken.

Matilda, who works with Keith Barton in his "Mort the Mystifying" act, is 14 years old. The little gray bird is believed to be an Old English Red Pyle hen.

"She used to have an understudy, but she outlived it," said Barton's wife, Donna, who also is in the act as the magician's assistant. Matilda's role is to appear in a pan that moments earlier seemed to contain only a fresh egg yolk and a few drops of hot sauce.

One of Matilda's doctors, Randy Britt of Britt Animal Hospital, said the hen has practically doubled the 7- or 8-year normal life span for a chicken.

Christmases in jail

TX HOUSTON — A volunteer firefighter has the holiday blues after a judge ordered him to spend his next six Christmas Days in jail for his role in a deadly wreck.

Samuel Maglittio received the sentence Thursday from State District Judge Marc Carter, who says it's an appropriate punishment for the death of a mother of five in a collision as Maglittio rushed to a small brush fire.

"I wanted him to feel the same separation that her family is experiencing," Carter told the Houston Chronicle. "I want him to think about what his decisions have cost his family, as well as hers."

Maglittio, 52, pleaded guilty in March to criminally negligent homicide in the death of Vickie Lynn McKinney. Maglittio received a sentence of six years' probation, in addition to 30 days in jail.

The judge ordered him to return for overnight stays for the next six years on Christmas Day and on McKinney's birthday, Dec. 4.

Perfect attendance

ME PORTLAND — Her family always emphasized the importance of education, a message Katherine Ureneck took to heart.

So for 12 straight years, from first grade to her senior year at Deering High School, Ureneck never missed a day of school and was never late to class.

"I know of no one who's been able to do this," said Dan Murphy, her guidance counselor. "And I've been at this for 24 years."

Ureneck, 18, was recognized for perfect attendance before she graduated this month. "I've always loved learning and going to school every day," she said.

There were times "she probably would have been at school," said school nurse Karen Mooney. "But she was always very cautious and avoided me. Because, the truth is, if she had come down to my office and she had a fever, she would've been sent home."

Mystery rock

TX ABILENE — Kevin Oliver said he's sure he doesn't have rocks in his head.

He does, however, have a big one in his living room. It's brown, weighs some 40 pounds and is hollow in a few places.

At a glance, local geology buffs haven't been able to identify the rock Oliver came across while clearing underbrush on property in north Abilene.

It's smooth, but not perfectly round, and about a foot and a half in diameter.

Oliver said he took it to the geology departments at Hardin-Simmons University and McMurry University.

Professor Richard Schofield said that in his 22 years with McMurry's geology department, he's never seen anything like it.

In looking at the rock, he couldn't determine its composition, age or origin. Its partial hollowness could be from weathering, Schofield said.

As for its value, Schofield said, "It could be nothing, but I can't say with any certainty."

Vanishing pelicans

ND MEDINA — Another 2,000 American white pelicans have vanished from the Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge, abandoning chicks and eggs, officials say.

It comes on the heels of the disappearance of 27,000 pelicans a couple of weeks ago. Biologists say theories including predators and disease have not been proven.

Youth tobacco bill

DE DOVER — The state Senate approved a bill barring children under 18 from possessing tobacco products. Under the bill, juveniles caught with tobacco products would face fines of up to \$50. An opponent, Democrat Robert Venables, said informing a child's parents might be more effective. The bill now goes to the House.

Stories and photos from wire services

NBC to swarm Olympics with fresh voices

BY DAVID BAUDER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Champion triathlete Siri Lindley was being interviewed by NBC Olympics honcho David Neal for an announcing job recently when she casually mentioned coaching field hockey at Princeton a decade ago. Neal's eyes widened.

Her cell phone rang before she even reached her hotel after the interview. Lindley didn't have just one new job. She had two — NBC's Olympics commentator for the triathlon and field hockey.

NBC's staggering plan to broadcast 1,210 hours of the Olympics over six networks this summer left its executives with a real problem.

Just where do you find somebody who can talk skillfully and colorfully about badminton? Or handball? Or taekwondo? The answers came from some unlikely people.

Like Pat Croce. The former president of the Philadelphia 76ers, and basketball studio ana-

lyst for NBC, is a black belt in taekwondo and regrets the sport was added to the Olympics after he was too old to try out. Neal remembered his interest and sought him out.

Or Bill Clement. One of the best-known hockey announcers told Neal that he had been a badminton champion growing up in Canada.

Another problem solved.

Trace Worthington, a former champion freestyle skier, has a side business performing aerial stunts on a trampoline. He'll be Al Trautwig's partner in telecasting the Olympic trampoline competition.

NBC will have 99 on-air announcers at the Summer Olympics in Athens, compared to 67 in Sydney in 2000. Many are familiar — Rowdy Gaines for swimming, Dwight Stones for track and field, Doug Collins for basketball.

But 51 of the announcers will be working at the Summer Olympics for the first time. And with NBC on the air so much — more



American Siri Lindley won the ITU World Cup Triathlon in Lausanne, Switzerland, in August 2000. Lindley will be NBC's Olympics commentator for the triathlon and field hockey events this summer in Athens.

hours telecast than the last five Summer Games combined — they'll have plenty of on-the-job training.

Former athletes who still keep up-to-date with their sports had a big advantage. Neal and Solomon looked at tapes of them being interviewed to see if they're articulate and enthusiastic.

They liked Lindley's tapes. She

had quit the sport at the top because she didn't want to linger too long, and was interested in broadcast journalism. She sent a letter to Neal seeking an interview.

The field hockey gig helps out NBC, which otherwise would have to pay her way to Athens for just a couple of days of work.

"Multi-tasking," Neal said with a laugh. "That's what we're all about."

Bloggers elbow their way into political conventions

BY ANICK JESDANUN

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A handful of scribbles publishing in a newer medium will join the thousands of newspaper, magazine and broadcast journalists at this summer's political conventions.

They'll be blogging.

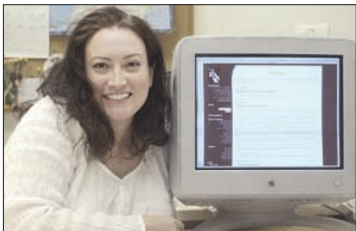
The Democrats are holding true to their "party of inclusion" billing vis-a-vis the online chroniclers, whose Web logs have leapt in popularity this year as political junkies increasingly get their fix with mouse clicks.

Democrats say they'll offer media credentials to a handful of bloggers. The Republicans say they've yet to decide what to do about them — credentialing deadlines passed with no announcement on whether bloggers could even apply.

GOP spokesman Leonardo Alciivar said details are still being worked out, but some analysts believe the party is wary of bloggers, who tend to be less predictable than mainstream journalists.

Michele Catalano of The Command Post, a mostly news-as-it-happens blog, said she'll cover the Aug. 30-Sept. 2 convention at Madison Square Garden in Manhattan from outside if necessary.

"To compete with the regular



Blogger Colette Marine, shows off her Web site at her office on the campus of Northwestern University. Marine is trying to get media credentials for the Democratic convention to be held in Boston.

media, it's important to be where the media is," the 31-year-old East Meadow, N.Y., blogger said.

Scott Schmidt, 28, a GOP activist who blogs from Los Angeles, said Republicans were "late to the game" but now appear serious about granting some access.

He has traded e-mails informally with conventional officials about getting inside. But Schmidt is not waiting. As a backup, he sought credentials as a guest of the California delegation.

More than 50 bloggers met last

Tuesday's deadline to apply for the Democratic National Convention credentials, of which an undetermined number will be selected based on originality, readership level and professionalism, said convention spokeswoman Lina Garcia.

She said the Democrats consider blogs important for engaging younger voters and expanding journalism to the citizenry. But that won't make the credentialing easy.

Colette Marine, a 35-year-old Chicago blogger trying to get cre-

denial for the July 26-29 gathering in Boston, fortified her application with a brief essay and samples of previous postings after the Democrats asked for more material.

"I get a sense they are making it up as they go along," Marine said. "It's a new phenomenon. I'm sure they are just as confused as everybody is."

For traditional media, both big parties generally rely on rules established by committees of journalists for getting passes to cover Congress. But no such procedure exists for blogs.

Bloggers with Democratic credentials will get the same access as any other media to most of the FleetCenter in Boston. If they need assigned spaces, they'll be asked to pay for phone, furniture rental and other expenses just like mainstream journalists.

But bloggers will share proportionally fewer passes to get on the convention floor where speeches are delivered.

As for the Republicans, Sree Sreenivasan, a new media professor at Columbia University, said the party ought to embrace at least a few sympathetic bloggers.

"Most bloggers who believe strongly in one party or another aren't going to stray from the message," Sreenivasan said. "They will give access to stories that may not be covered otherwise."

A wrinkle in time for ABC network

By BOB POOL

The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Most of the time, capsules simply can't be found.

Some of the time, capsules can be — but their contents have disintegrated.

This time capsule is different.

Workers carefully demolishing the ABC Entertainment Center and Shubert Theatre in the Century City neighborhood of West Los Angeles have discovered a box filled with mementos that are completely intact — and totally mysterious.

The 2-by-2 1/2-foot aluminum container resembles a television camera and bears an ABC logo and the words, "Corner Stone, in the Stars, Sept. 22, 1971."

Inside are about 15 items, including a bright yellow sweater, a bottle of Martell's apple juice, a waxed Andy Williams "Moon River" record album, a Screen Actors Guild document signed by Charlton Heston and a program signed by Gregory Peck.

Missing are the usual time capsule staples: the requisite copy of the newspaper from the day it was sealed shut, popular gadgets of the era, the bravely written predictions of the future.

ABC officials have looked in their archives and can find no record of the time capsule being placed at the Entertainment Center, let alone a list of its contents.

"It looks like randomly deposited stuff," says David Sears, the only person so far to peek into the bolted-shut box. "It looks like people were at a party when somebody said, 'By the way, we're going to fill a time capsule.'"

Sears is managing director of Trammel Crow Co., developer of a \$275 million office and retail project planned for where the former Shubert Theatre and ABC network headquarters now stand on Avenue of the Stars.

Because of a parking garage beneath the site, workers slowly are dismantling the complex instead of using a wrecking ball. The time capsule was one of the first things they found when they began removing the top of the ABC building last month.

"It was on roof level, not ground level. It was attached to the structural frame of the building (at its southwest corner)," Sears said. Because it was on the first floor, the box and its contents were kept dry.

"Who knows what people were thinking in 1971 when Century City was just rising?" said Sears, whose company is building the new 12-story office and retail building that will house the Creative Artists Agency when it is finished.

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Actress Kim Cattrall arrives at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in January 2003 for the 60th Annual Golden Globes Awards in Los Angeles. Cattrall, who played Samantha Jones on HBO's "Sex and the City" for six seasons, went on to win that year the award for best supporting actress in a series, mini-series or TV movie. "Sex" devotees who miss watching Cattrall's turn as the vivacious, sexually adventurous Samantha can find up to the first half of season six on DVD.

Lee recognized for lifetime achievement

Filmmaker Spike Lee received a lifetime achievement award and a key to the city of Dallas at the Fourth Annual Lyrical Underground, an event celebrating Black Music Month.



Lee

The Privilege Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes "individuals who have provided hope, inspiration, joy and motivation to people around the world," said Noel Hankin, a spokesman for Schieffelin & Somerset, parent company of Hennessy, which sponsored the award presented Friday.

Past recipients include Marvin "Magic" Johnson and the Rev. Al Sharpton.

"Spike Lee is the most remarkable African-American filmmaker in the last 18 years," Hankin said. "Through his movies, he has challenged his audiences to think as well as question the status quo."

Lee's films include "Malcolm X," "Do the Right Thing," "Bamboozled" and "He Got Game." Friday's reception featured clips from his upcoming movie "She Hate Me," about a biotech executive who turns whistleblower. The movie is scheduled for release July 30.

Method Man upset about new sitcom

Method Man says he's unhappy with Fox for squeezing the "ghetto" out of his new sitcom.

"This is frustrating for me, and it's not turning out for me as expected," said the rapper-actor, who is co-star and executive producer of the network's comedy series "Method & Red."

"I'm trying to keep this show ghetto, and there's a way for it to be both ghetto and intelligent," he said in Los Angeles. "But it's not going that way."

In the show, Method Man and fellow rapper Redman play two hugely successful hip-hop stars who move into an affluent, predominantly white gated community in the suburbs.

The comedy drew more than 8 million viewers in its debut Wednesday, but that didn't minimize Man's dissatisfaction.

He told the Los Angeles Times the series has veered from his original vision because some executives or writers tried too hard to appeal to "middle America" with "lame jokes."

"I know what I wanted this show to be, but there's been too much compromise on our side and not enough on their side," he said.

Fox executives declined comment to the Times.



Method Man

Lithgow to lend name to local fund-raiser

Two-time Tony award winner John Lithgow plans to return to his wife's hometown of Conrad, Mont., next month for a benefit to help restore a local theater.

Lithgow, who starred in the TV series "Third Rock from the Sun," is scheduled to perform July 2 as part of a benefit to help pay the \$250,000 price tag for restoration of the Orpheum Theatre-Wiegand Auditorium.

The nonprofit Pondera Arts Council purchased the facility in 2001. Council president Helen Eliot said Lithgow plans to tailor his show to children ages 3-8.

University chancellor honored

University of California, Irvine Chancellor Ralph Cicerone has won the Albert Einstein World Award of Science.

Cicerone, an atmospheric scientist, will receive the award for his research on greenhouse gases and ozone depletion, officials announced Friday.

The Mexico-based World Cultural Council gives the award—a diploma, medal and \$10,000—annually to recognize research efforts that "have brought true benefit and well-being to mankind."

"I am honored to win such an award that bears Albert Einstein's name," said Cicerone, 61, who will receive the award at a ceremony in Belgium in November.

Stories and photos from the Associated Press

Missing sexy Ms. Jones

Actress Cattrall can't seem to shake her 'Sex and the City' character

BY TERRY MORROW

Scripts Howard

Kim Cattrall is in mourning. "I kind of feel like I am looking for Samantha everywhere I turn. I miss her terribly," says the actress who portrayed the vivacious Samantha Jones for six seasons on "Sex and the City." "I wake up in the morning, and she is on my mind. Walking down the streets of New York in my sandals during the spring, I expect to see a camera following me because we were always working during this time of year," she says.

The Emmy-winning comedy shot and aired its last episode in February. And, life goes on for Cattrall and Samantha.

Most seasons of "Sex and the City" are already on DVD. A new edited version of the racy show, toning down the language and cutting out the nudity, began airing on TBS last week.

A feature film is in doubt. Recent reports say a "Sex" movie will not happen because Cattrall has already agreed to do other projects.

Production on the feature film would have started this summer for a spring 2005 release. All but Cattrall were on board to do the movie.

Cattrall said in March she thought a reunion movie "would be really terrific, but I think it would be tricky because I felt so happy by the way the series ended. I felt like everybody's story lines were true to their characters. That's where we would leave those girls. I think something that has been so well-written and -produced needs to have that same level kept up if it is done again."

Cattrall's first post-"Sex" gig is producing an HBO documentary called "Sexual Intelligence" about "desire and sexuality," she says.

She's not ready to jump back into weekly television again, she says.

"I don't want to be just another actress for hire. I

want to explore (opportunities) I can develop myself."

Rumors of a feud between Cattrall and "Sex" star Sarah Jessica Parker were fueled again when Cattrall decided not to do the "Sex" movie.

Cattrall dismisses those reports. "It's so disheartening to hear this," she says. "People want to hear that women cannot get along. The misconception that people have, because we played best friends on TV, is that we are best friends in real life. We're not. We're good friends, and we are colleagues."

Former "Sex" co-star Willie Garson says there was no friction or feuding between Parker and Cattrall on the set. However, he says he was "disappointed" that the movie will not happen because of Cattrall's lack of participation.

"I really enjoyed working with Kim," he says. "She's funny. She's sassy. She's involved in the scene very much. I had a great experience with her."

So, for now, Samantha is no more. However, "Samantha lives on, not only in our memories but in our collective consciousness, for what she stood for," Cattrall says.

Samantha came along for Cattrall at just the right time. At 40, when she got the role, she says she was questioning her own

ideas of midlife sexuality. Samantha helped liberate her in many ways.

"She was rejoicing [in] her sexuality," Cattrall says. "It wasn't secret or forbidden. It was coming from a spring of epicurean delight. She was celebratory and rich with no judgment about sexuality. That's something we all want in being human."

When last we saw Samantha, she was in a committed relationship and overcoming cancer.

"She's probably still in the relationship, and still working. But I also think there's probably something around the corner that she's looking at," Cattrall says, laughing.

"She has quite an appetite and can't sit still for long."

“[Samantha Jones] was celebratory and rich with no judgment about sexuality. That’s something we all want in being human.”

Kim Cattrall

Horoscope

With four planets in Cancer now, it's an emotional time. When feelings are so deep, wide and strong, there's no denying them. Some of you realize for the first time that you really love someone or that you can't live with that person at all. Getting feelings out in the open may be a wonderful release, but be careful how you do it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 22). You gladly let go of old baggage this year and will be welcomed by new and fortunate opportunities as a reward. Next month is your time to shine on the social scene. Even folks who've been single for ages will finally meet a kindred spirit and start a new journey together. Sagittarius and Aquarius are loving supporters, with no conditions attached! Your lucky numbers are: 5, 25, 19, 30 and 52.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're feeling wildly eccentric. Your life has more to do with the way you handle moment-to-moment activities than with anything that could ever happen to you. Tonight features old haunts, feuds and hopes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 21). Some people dream of riches, but if you keep this determination up, you find riches are a happy consequence of your hard work. No matter how practical an idea may be, it's the emotion inside it that will draw you in or repel you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your opinion deserves to be heard, yes, but only after you've gone through the logic several times to make sure it's bulletproof. There are snakes on the roof, metaphorically ready to shoot down anything too new or different.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Show up, smile, and grease some palms, you politician, you! Terrific luck comes out of networking, and the more people you mix with, the more likely you are to meet the ones who can give you project wings!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Make a commitment to finish your project, regardless of whether or not you're enjoying it and regardless of how well you think it's going. Wanting it to

be great, beautiful and perfect might be stopping you from making it anything at all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've got so much pizzazz, and you're making it up as you go along. Even if your plans are roughly the same as yesterday's, your attitude is different, so surprises happen. Tonight is filled with romantic notions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're the consummate host, the perfect date, the most generous friend and the best worker. But when it comes to love, providing everything is the worst thing you could provide. Let others show you what they've got.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may feel that opposing forces are fighting for your soul — a bit dramatic but not entirely off base. What you do today and the style you use to do it will have a far-reaching impact. This evening features time-honored traditions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're attracted to the one with the special spark — or is it simply good genes and good grouping working in perfect concert? Time will tell if it's love or something you'll look back on and ask, "What was I thinking?"

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While others are trying to get more energy, you've got excess. Enjoy that plugged-in feeling, as if you'll never tire as long as you're on track. Respect is the issue at home. Give it where it's due, and you'll get it, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Artists receive commissions, inventors make sales, and writers get assignments. Separate emotions from a financial issue, and you'll get a better deal. Children are your focus tonight, but be sure to take care of yourself, too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When it comes to love, you look for kindness first, and that trumps any sort of worldly version of attractiveness. Creativity wins over money, and friendship triumphs over status. Conventional wisdom has little to do with romance.

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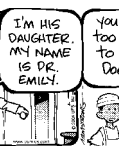
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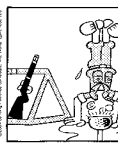
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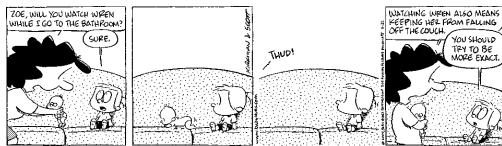
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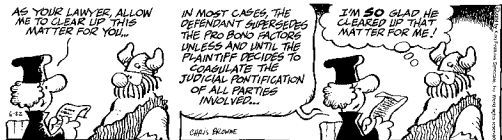
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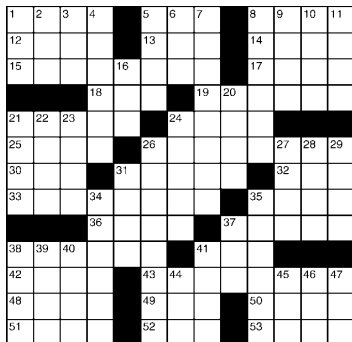
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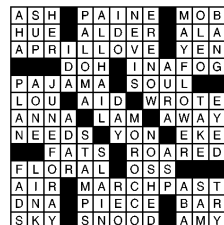
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Ryan Newman crosses the finish line under the caution flag on his way to the DHL 400 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklynn, Mich., on Sunday. Newman also won the Nextel Cup race at Michigan in August.

Michigan victory puts Newman back on track 2003's leader in wins ends 20-race drought

The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Winning is a habit that Ryan Newman wants to get back into.

After topping NASCAR's Nextel Cup series in 2003 with eight victories, Newman went the final six races of last season and the final 14 this year before finally finding his way back to Victory Lane on Sunday at Michigan International Speedway.

"I wasn't super concerned," Newman said. "We've had some great runs and my mistakes have kind of killed it, but nobody on our team doubted we could still win races, and I know we're going to win some more."

To win the DHL 400, the 10th victory of his career, Newman had to recover from an unplanned pit stop to remove trash blocking the radiator grille on the front of his Penske Racing South Dodge.

That put him a lap down after only 22 of 200 laps on the two-mile oval, owned by team owner Roger Penske.

"We just picked up some paper or something and had to make a stop because the motor was really getting hot," Newman explained.

"We played the safe card. It's definitely not what you want to see happen, but you've got to have confidence in yourself and your team to be able to fight back."

"And nobody said one thing about 'Oh man, this is it. This is the end of the day.' There were a lot of laps left to get it back and then work some track position or some strategy. Fortunately, we had a fast enough car and we could just work our way up through there."

Newman regained the lead lap near the midway point in the race and steadily worked his way forward, passing Dale Jarrett for the lead on a restart on lap 178.

Nine different drivers had won here in the past nine races, but Newman, also the winner last August, ended that streak. He became the first driver to win back-to-back races at MIS since Mark Martin in August 1997 and June 1998. It was the 10th victory of his Cup career.

Jarrett, who held on to finish third for his first top-five finish since he won at Rockingham in

Racing roundup

the second race of 2003, was unable to stay with Newman at the end. He couldn't hold off hard-charging rookie Kasey Kahne for the runner-up spot on lap 199.

Sterling Marlin finished fourth after having one of the strongest cars all day and leading several times. Marlin fell out of contention when he pitted for the final time under caution on lap 176.

After two weeks of confusion and controversy over scoring problems and miscues by NASCAR officials, Sunday's race came off without a hitch. But there were some questions when a caution flag came out on the final lap with the crashed car of P.J. Jones sitting in the middle of the track in turn two, far behind the leaders.

NASCAR spokesman Mike Zizzo said the yellow was waved because there were at least six cars racing on the track behind Jones' wreck and NASCAR did not want to delay the safety crew from reaching him. Jones was not injured.

Smith-driving Bourdais captures Portland Grand Prix

PORTLAND, Ore. — Sebastian Bourdais got his second victory of the season with a smooth performance from the pole Sunday in the Champ Car Grand Prix of Portland.

Bourdais led 85 laps of the 94-lap race at Portland International Raceway, finishing with a 1.247-second advantage over the pole-sitter Bruno Junqueira, who started second.

Paul Tracy, who started third, finished third in the 1.969-mile permanent road course just north of downtown Portland. It was the fourth race in the series schedule.

Bourdais, last year's rookie of the year, won earlier this year at Monterrey, Mexico, but he was thwarted two weeks ago in Milwaukee when he crashed early on.

It was Bourdais' fifth career victory.

Texas continues to cut swath through College World Series

By ERIC OLSON

The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — David Maroul's three-run double highlighted Texas' five-run first inning, and Seth Johnston and Dooley Prince had four hits apiece to lead the Longhorns to a 9-3 victory over Georgia in the College World Series on Sunday night.

The top-seeded Longhorns earned the inside track to a spot in the best-of-three championship series. They will go to the finals next weekend if they beat the winner of Tuesday's Georgia-Arizona game.

In the other game, Arizona beat Arkansas 7-2. Texas (57-13), which beat Arkansas 13-2 in the first round, has outscored its opponents by a combined 71-21 in seven NCAA tournament games. The Longhorns are batting .361 in the tournament.

"Before, we would have just one or two guys come up big for us," Johnston said. "Now there are four or five guys through the lineup who are stepping up."

The Longhorns had their first three batters reach against starter Sean Rutliff, who needed 55 pitches in the opening inning.

Johnston and Carson Kainer drove in runs before Maroul's bases-loaded double into the left-field corner for a 5-0 lead.

"That five-run first inning gave us momentum," Texas coach Augie Garrido said. "There were a lot of good at-bats, but none better than Maroul's two-strike bat before his double. And then when they made their run at us, we contained it."

Rutliff (7-2) gave up an RBI double to Curtis Thigpen in the fourth and left in favor of Mitchell Boggus to start the fifth.

"I just couldn't get the ball down," Rutliff said. "They did a good job of staying on me."

Brett Curren, making his school-record 22nd straight start this season, allowed three hits and one run in four innings. J. Brent Cox (6-1) got the win in relief after giving up two runs on four hits in three innings.



Texas players Ryan Russ, right, Tommy Harmon, center, and Taylor Teagarden (31) celebrate during the Longhorns' 9-3 victory over Georgia on Sunday.

Huston Street pitched one-hit relief over the last two innings.

Georgia (44-22) scored once in the first on Josh Morris' sacrifice fly and twice in the fifth on a Marshall Szabo single and a Josh Morris groundout.

"To me, as long as I'm playing on a stage like this, where I'm hitting doesn't really mean much as long as I get my hacks," said Brown, who was 0-for-13 in super regionals against Long Beach State and struck out three times and had two singles in Friday's first-round CWS loss to Georgia.

Arizona (36-26-1) moves to the Tuesday game against Georgia.

Arkansas ended its season 45-24.

.S. strikes quick, tops Grenada

Stripes and wire reports

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada — The United States did exactly what it intended and moved on in World Cup qualifying.

Unable to dent overmatched Grenada for an early goal in their earlier meeting, the Americans got a quick goal from Landon Donovan, then a tiebreaker from Josh Wolff in a 3-2 victory Sunday.

The win, on a soggy converted cricket field, lifted the United States into the CONCACAF regional semifinals for the 2006 World Cup.

Last week, the Americans, ranked ninth in the world, won 3-0, boosted by two goals from DaMarcus Beasley, who also scored Sunday.

"The first goal is always important," Donovan said. "You don't want to give them a chance and scoring early makes them open up."

"On my goal, Claudio [Reyna] got it wide and Brian [McBride] crashed the net, so Claudio is smart enough to see that and dropped it back to me and it was basically an open net."

The United States next will play in a four-team qualifying group beginning in August, and the top two teams will advance to a final six-team group. The Americans open the round Aug. 18 at Jamaica.

The other nations in the semifinal group are Panama and El Salvador.

Sports briefs

Armstrong loses legal battle over controversial book

PARIS — A court Monday rejected Lance Armstrong's attempt to force a publisher to insert the star cyclist's denial of doping allegations into copies of a new book about him.

The five-time Tour de France winner wanted publisher La Martiniere to insert a notice into "L'Élémentaire, the Secrets of Lance Armstrong," with his rebuttal against doping claims in the book.

But judge Catherine Beszo called Armstrong's request an "abuse" of the legal system and ordered him to pay the authors and publisher a symbolic \$120 fine.

The French-language book, which hit bookstores in France last week, was written by David Walsh and Pierre Ballester and relies in part on allegations by a former Armstrong assistant, Emma O'Reilly.

Athens torch reaches Europe

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The Olympic torch touched down Monday in Europe on its last relay leg of the world's five continents before the August opening of the Summer Games in Athens, Greece.

The torch was handed to Belgian officials and athletes at Brussels International Airport by

Spiros Lambridis, head of the Athens 2004 delegation, which is staging relays in Olympic cities around the world.

The torch was driven in a convoy of six cars to the port city of Antwerp, which was one of the 1920 games. From there, it starts a European tour of 17 cities, including all which have previously hosted Olympic games, including London, Moscow, Stockholm, Rome and Barcelona.

Ramstein tops pool play for USAFE soccer championships

Ramstein's men and women stayed unbeaten and atop the standings when pool play concluded Sunday evening in the USAFE soccer championships at RAF Alconbury, England.

Ramstein's men won their third straight pool-play contest Sunday, 3-0 over Mildenhall, to earn a berth in Tuesday's 6 p.m. semifinal against Lakenheath. Despite its loss, Mildenhall advanced to the 4 p.m. semifinal against Spangdahlem. The Sabers routed Lakenheath 5-1 on Sunday.

The winners square off at 6 p.m. Wednesday for the USAFE men's title. They also qualify for the Army-Air Force championship tournament to be played at Alconbury Saturday and Sunday. Ramstein's women blanked in-cirlik 2-0 to earn a berth in the women's championship game on Wednesday at 4 p.m. The Lady Sabers will take on pool runner-up Aviano, a 2-0 winner over Lakenheath on Sunday.

Mickelson taps into three-putt

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

The Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — Phil Mickelson had it all going his way at the U.S. Open.

The crowd.
The momentum.
The confidence.

"I really thought it was going to be my day," Mickelson said.

Then he got to No. 17 at Shinnecock Hills, a little par-3 known as "Eden." With two excruciating jabs at the ball, Mickelson's hopes of reaching paradise — a second straight major and the first of two legs of the Grand Slam — were done.

This was Lefty playing a more familiar role. The lovable loser. The guy who three-putted from 5 feet with a major title in his grasp.

It was as if Retief Goosen winning the Open, his second in four years, by doing what Mickelson couldn't Sunday — finishing the job at 17.

After blasting out of a bunker in front of the green, Mickelson had a chance to save par from 5 feet. Hardly a gimme when the hole is downhill, the greens are like a hardwood floor, the wind is blowing and a major championship is on the line.

Still, it was the kind of nasty putt Mickelson had been making all week.

He tapped the ball gently and watched helplessly as it drifted to the left, missing the cup by an inch or two and rolling another 4 feet.

A huge setback, to be sure, but Mickelson could have kept the pressure on Goosen by making the come-backer for bogey. With two holes left and the course playing as tough as in any Open history, one stroke was hardly a commanding edge.

But Mickelson pulled the next putt, just missing to the right this time. He finally tapped in, but the gallery that had been so raucous just moments earlier was now sitting in stunned silence.

Game over.

Mickelson closed with a 1-over 71, leaving him at 2-under 278 for the tournament. Goosen was the only other guy who managed to break par, winding up at 276 with a 71 that maintained the two-stroke lead he had at the beginning of the day.

For the third time in six years, Mickelson was runner-up in America's national championship.

"This is a championship I really want to win, so it's disappointing," he said. "But I also like I played well in some very difficult conditions. I was confident in some very difficult positions. I'm very pleased with the way I played for four days."

Indeed, Mickelson shouldn't hang his head too low. Under intense pressure, he tied for second-best round of the day. Robert Allenby was the only player to shoot par, and he wasn't in contention.

Mickelson surged into the lead for the first time all day with a stretch of three birdies in four holes, capped with a short putt at the par-5 16th that sent the gallery into another Phil frenzy.

Goosen, playing in the final group just behind Mickelson, was in full-scale scramble mode. He kept making mistakes, but bailed himself out with one clutch putt after another.

Mickelson teed off at 17, hoping to hold the green but not too upset when the ball landed in the front left bunker. It balanced on top of the sand, a good lie that allowed him to make the shot he wanted. But he hit the ball above the hole, leaving himself a tricky putt.

Goosen made birdie at 16 about the time Mickelson was preparing to putt. When the South African teed off at 17, he had a two-stroke lead. He also drove into a front bunker, but got up-and-down for par.

"I knew that these last two holes were going to be the key holes," Goosen said. "I made a good putt on 16 to get even with him, and then he made a mistake and I was, as they say, lucky to hang on."

Final leader cards

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
Par	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	4	35
Goosen	3	4	4	4	5	4	3	5	4	36
Mickelson	4	3	5	3	5	4	3	4	4	35

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	Total	Tournament
Par	4	3	4	4	4	4	5	3	4	35	70	276 (-4)
Goosen	5	2	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	35	71	276 (-4)
Mickelson	5	3	5	3	4	4	3	4	5	36	71	278 (-2)

Retief Goosen



Phil Mickelson

Open: Par-saving putts keep Goosen afloat

OPEN, FROM BACK PAGE

"I saw him miss the return, and I heard someone in the crowd say, 'You're two ahead now,'" Goosen said. "I didn't really expect Phil to make double on 17."

It was the best sound he heard all day from the raucous gallery, topped only by the cheers he heard walking up the 18th green, needing only three putts from 40 feet on the fringe.

Goosen knocked in 4 feet past, and the par putt was dead in the center. He doffed his cap and waved it at the cup, the most emotion he had shown all day.

"I'm not really somebody that jumps up and is happy," Goosen said. "But on the inside, I was happy."

Mickelson, who studied Shinnecock on a scouting trip last week, figured he was in good shape going into the bunker, and he hit a good shot to 5 feet above the hole.

"I really don't know what to say there," said Mickelson, who wound up with a 71. "I hit the putt pretty easy. It was downhill. And when the wind gets ahead on these greens, it keeps going."

Goosen finished at 4-under 276, the lowest winning score in the three U.S. Opens held at Shinnecock Hills. He earned \$1.125 million and became the 21st multiple Open champion. Making it even more impressive were the brutal conditions that didn't allow anyone to break par in the final round. The average score Sunday was 78.7, the highest for a final U.S. Open round since it was 78.8 in 1972 at Pebble Beach.

Jeff Maggert shot 72 in third, picking up valuable Ryder Cup points.

Ernie Els, who played in the final group with Goosen, made double bogey on the first hole and slid all the way to an 80 for his worst score in a U.S. Open.

He wasn't alone.

Tiger Woods didn't make a birdie until his final hole to salvage a 76, his highest score in the U.S. Open as a pro. He finished at 290, the sixth straight major he played over par. He now has gone two full years without a major win. Still two majors short of his longest drought, but nowhere near the guy who won two years ago down the road at Bethpage.

The only consolation for Woods this week? He will remain No. 1 in the world, by a margin that shrinks every week.

But then, Shinnecock Hills was tough on everyone, and horror stories came from all corners.

■ The grass on the seventh green was dead before the final round began. Officials had to leave the green, but not before the first four players came through and made three triple bogeys and a bogey.

■ Chris Riley, among the best putters on tour, watched the gallery part as his putt on the first hole rolled past the green and through the crowd, leading to triple bogey.

■ Bo Van Pelt six-putted the fourth green.

■ Of the 28 players who failed to break 80, Billy Mayfair topped the list at 89.

Jerry Kelly shot 81 and blistered the U.S. Golf Association for the way the course was set up.

"Get off your high horse and be good to the game," Kelly said. "A great golfer will win the Open, whether it's 12 in the world or whether it's even."

On that note is no argument.

Goosen joined Woods as the only players to win two majors since 1999, and he is especially tough in the major that demands near perfection.

"Everybody struggled," Goosen said. "I just wasn't easy and you, you know, I'm just lucky to be on top."

It didn't take long for this to turn into a two-man race, and they were the only two players under par when they made the turn.

Both made bogey on No. 10 by hitting above the hole and taking three putts. Goosen took a 16-foot putt and the hole left the tee to a shot that bounced and rolled and turned and finally stopped 4 feet away for birdie.

Back and forth they went, Mickelson trying to answer with birdie, Goosen hanging on for par.

Goosen was deep in the yellow grass right of the 13th fairway and heard another explosion of cheers when Mickelson made an 18-foot putt and the hole left the tee to a shot that bounced and rolled and turned and finally stopped 4 feet away for birdie.

The pitch was nearly perfect, stopping 8 feet behind the hole for a par that never looked possible. But it seemed as though Goosen used up all his good fortunes.

From the middle of the 14th fairway, his approach played into the front bunker. Goosen hit too softly, and the ball stayed in the thick collar of rough framing the sand. It chipped ran 25 feet long, but he cooly sank that to limit the damage to a bogey.

No matter. Mickelson was hitting his stride, and his 10-foot birdie putt dropped on No. 15 for a share of the lead. The gallery was simply delirious, and it only added to the pressure.

But Goosen, as always, was up to any challenge.

He saved par from the bunker on No. 15 with an 8-foot putt. He holed a 12-foot birdie putt on the 16th to stay in the game. Then came the decisive two holes, and the Goose was simply golden.

U.S. Open scoreboard

Sunday		At Shinnecock Hills Golf Club	
Purse: \$6.25 million		Yardage: 6,949	
Final Round		(4-and-out)	
Retief Goosen	69-69-71-276	-4	1
Phil Mickelson	70-69-71-276	-4	2
Jeff Maggert	72-70-72-274	-2	3
Mike Weir	70-71-74-284	+4	4
Robert Allenby	70-71-74-284	+4	5
Mark Calcavecchia	70-69-71-285	+5	6
David Toms	70-71-74-285	+5	7
Steve Flesch	68-74-74-286	+6	8
Greg Kleet	66-74-74-286	+6	9
Shane Bieber	68-74-74-286	+6	10
Chris Riley	68-74-74-286	+6	11
Ernie Els	70-71-74-291	+11	12
Jim Furyk	70-71-74-291	+11	13
Spencer Levin	70-71-74-291	+11	14
Timothy Clark	70-71-74-291	+11	15
Angel Cabrera	66-71-75-289	+9	16
Seamus Power	68-71-75-289	+9	17
Tiger Woods	68-71-75-290	+10	18
Mark Calcavecchia	71-71-74-291	+11	19
Tommy Alston	71-71-74-291	+11	20
Kirk Triplett	71-70-73-277	+11	21
Seamus Power	70-68-76-295	+12	22
Dan Snee	70-71-74-291	+11	23
Nick Price	71-70-73-277	+11	24
David Toms	70-71-74-291	+11	25
Vijay Singh	68-70-71-78-293	+13	26
Timothy Clark	68-71-75-290	+10	27
Ben Curtis	68-75-72-294	+14	28
Peter Lonard	71-71-74-291	+11	29
K. C. Choi	70-71-74-291	+11	30
Padraig Harrington	71-70-73-277	+11	31
David Toms	70-71-74-291	+11	32
Bo Van Pelt	69-73-78-295	+15	33
Casey Wittenberg	70-71-74-291	+11	34
Lee Westwood	70-71-74-291	+11	35
Hideto Matsuyama	70-71-74-291	+11	36
Charles Howell III	70-70-68-296	+16	37
Bill Haas	70-71-74-291	+11	38
Phil Pérez	70-71-74-291	+11	39
Mike Melroy	70-71-74-291	+11	40
Jerry Kelly	70-69-81-297	+17	41
David Toms	70-71-74-291	+11	42
Goosey Sizemore	72-72-83-297	+17	43
Stephen Verjanek	71-71-74-291	+11	44
Stephen Leaney	70-71-84-297	+17	45
John Bollins	70-71-74-291	+11	46
Kris Cox	68-74-77-298	+18	47
David Toms	70-71-74-291	+11	48
Zachary Johnson	70-71-74-291	+11	49
Chris Hest	70-71-74-291	+11	50
Scott Hoch	70-71-81-299	+19	51
David Toms	70-71-74-291	+11	52
Trevor Immelman	70-71-74-291	+11	53
David Toms	70-71-74-291	+11	54
Josiah Heggman	64-69-83-302	+22	55
David Toms	70-71-74-291	+11	56
Tom Kite	71-71-84-304	+22	57
Craig Parry	70-75-85-303	+23	58
Alex Ceja	70-71-74-291	+11	59
Cliff Krieger	72-73-82-304	+24	60
Chae Reule	70-71-74-291	+11	61
Jim Kelly	68-69-86-304	+24	62
Kevin Stadler	70-71-74-291	+11	63
Billy Mayfair	70-70-81-310	+30	64

Kerr wins by making par on 18

The Associated Press

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Cristie Kerr was on the 18th green with the kind of golden opportunity players dream about.

She took full advantage of it, making an 8-foot birdie putt to break a three-way tie and win the LPGA Club Professional Championship with a gritty performance by 17-year-old amateur Paula Creamer.

"The putt was just an amazing, under-pressure stroke that I made," Kerr said. "I got a good read on it and it was perfect."

Kerr won her third LPGA Tour title in the thrilling final round on the breezy Seaweed Marriott Resort course, shooting her second straight 3-under 68 for an 11-under 302 total.

Creamer (69) and Giulia Sergas (71) finished a stroke back, and Juli Inkster (67) and Mi Hyun Kim (70) followed.

Denise Killeen, who held a two-shot lead going into the final round, shot an 8-over 79 to finish seven shots back.

Kerr fought off a sluggish start and walked up the 18th fairway tied for the lead.

Kerr chipped onto the green, and the 19-year-old runner made the 10-foot, over for birdie and then stepped up and made her putt.

Wimbledon return easy for Martina

BY STEPHEN WILSON
The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Just like old times.

Nine-time champion Martina Navratilova returned to Wimbledon for her first singles match in 10 years Monday — and looked as if she's never been away.

Serving and volleying in classic grass-court style, the 47-year-old Navratilova crushed Colombia's Catalina Castano 6-0, 6-1 in 46 minutes in a rain-interrupted early match on the opening day of the 118th edition of the Grand Slam tournament.

It was a big turnaround from Navratilova's singles appearance last month in the French Open, in which she lost in straight sets in the first round to Gisela Dulko.

"It's great to be out there, great to have that opportunity," Navratilova said. "When people say, 'Why are you doing it?' I guess the answer is, because I still can, bottom line."

Turning to critics who thought she could not be competitive again, she said, "You guys didn't believe me. Now do you believe me?"

If Navratilova represents the old breed of women's tennis, Roger Federer is the new breed of the men's game — and he, too, got off to an easy start.

The top-seeded all-court Swiss player opened defense of his men's title with a 6-3, 6-3, 6-0 victory over 290th-ranked British wild card Alex Bogdanovic on Centre Court.

Coming off a victory in a tune-up tournament at Halle, Germany, Federer won his 18th straight match on grass — the longest streak since Pete Sampras won 23 in a row from Wimbledon in 1998 to Queen's in 2000. Riding his big, forehand and serve-and-volley game, Federer was in control throughout and won the last eight games.

"It was important to get that good start," he said. "I saw he really couldn't hurt me on my own serve. This is really when I could



Martina Navratilova serves during her 6-0, 6-1 win over Catalina Castano at Wimbledon, Monday.

just play consistent. That was enough."

Lleyton Hewitt, the 2002 champion who is seeded No. 7, also advanced in straight sets, beating Jurgen Melzer of Austria 6-2, 6-4, 6-2. Last year, Hewitt became the first defending men's champion to go out in the first round since 1967 when he lost to Ivo Karlovic.

Karlovic opened with another upset Monday, eliminating No. 13 Paradorn Srichanpak 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Turner two-time champion Venus Williams swept 106th-ranked Marie-Gayane Mikaelian of Switzerland 6-3, 6-0. Hitting serves at up to 122 mph, Venus had seven aces and 26 winners. She closed the 48-minute match just before another downpour — doing a piroquette and waving to the crowd as the grounds crew raced out to cover the court for the fourth time.

Venus' sister, two-time defending champion Serena, begins Tuesday against China's Zheng Jie. Serena, who hasn't won a Grand Slam title in a year, could become only the third woman in the past 35 years to win three consecutive Wimbledon championships.

Goran Ivanisevic, who won the title as a wild card in 2001 but missed the last two Wimbledon due to injuries, finally got the chance to return to Centre Court. Playing in his last tournament before retirement, he defeated 31st-seeded Mikhail Youzhny of Russia 6-3, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2.

Griffey joins 500-club

Reds slugger hits milestone in 6-0 victory over Cards

BY R.B. FALLSTROM
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Ken Griffey Jr. joined the 500-homer club — finally.

A week after his last home run, he ended the frustrating stretch with one big swing in Cincinnati's 6-0 victory over St. Louis on Sunday. He's the 20th player to hit 500 homers and, at 34, the sixth-youngest to reach the milestone.

Just told him, "About time," teammate Barry Larkin said.

Before depositing a 2-2 fastball from Matt Morris in the right-field stands, Griffey was 5-for-21 with four RBIs in six games since homering last Sunday against Cleveland. He hadn't come close to the fences before hitting his 19th homer of the season, a drive estimated at 393 feet. But he insisted that the wait for 500 wasn't all that trying because his family accompanied him to St. Louis after he came up empty in three games in Cincinnati.

"I know it's been tough for you guys, because you guys have been running out of things to talk about," Griffey said. "Usually during the season they leave me alone and I can concentrate on baseball."

"This time it's like, 'Hey, we're still here and we're going to hang out with you until you do it, and we're going to support you, and if we have to travel the rest of the year we're going to do it.' That's what helped, they were there watching."

"After getting mobbed by teammates, Griffey made a beeline to his family's seats adjacent to the Reds' dugout and hugged his father and children. He has a knack for honoring his father, who hit 152 homers in his career, homering four times on Father's Day and eight times on his dad's birthday.

"That's the last thing my moth-



Cincinnati Reds Ken Griffey Jr., left, is congratulated by Jason LaRue after hitting his 500th career home run in the sixth inning Sunday off St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Matt Morris. Cincinnati beat St. Louis 6-0.

er said as I was leaving. She said, 'You're going to do it today. You hit home runs on your dad's birthday and today you're going to hit a home run,' " Griffey said.

"When I hit it, my first reaction was that my mom is always right. And get around the bases."

Ken Griffey joked that the homer would not suffice for a Father's Day present.

"It's an easy way to get out of giving me something," he said. "He used to do that for me for my birthday all the time. He'd hit one and call me, 'Happy birthday Dad. I hit a home run.' He's got to get something else now."

Griffey, the first to reach 500 in a Cincinnati uniform, got a warm ovation from a sellout crowd of 45,620 on Lou Brock bubblehead day. He then received a standing ovation as he ran out to the field before the bottom of the sixth, responding with a wave of his cap.

"Under these circumstances, it wasn't like it was a game win-

ner," Cardinals right fielder Reggie Sanders said. "They were already up 5-0. But they would do it whatever the circumstances were because they appreciated it."

The ball was caught by 19-year-old Mark Crumley of Mount Carmel, Ill., who gave it back to Griffey after the game. Griffey gave Crumley the jersey off his back and a large shopping bag filled with other memorabilia.

"It didn't seem right to try to plea bargain with him over his baseball," said Crumley, a student at Southern Illinois. "It means a lot more to him than me, so I just gave it back to him."

Jannette Fox was the youngest player to hit 500 homers, reaching the milestone at 32. Willie Mays, Sammy Sosa, Hank Aaron and Babe Ruth also hit theirs at 34.

Griffey was the fastest to 350, 400 and 450 before being slowed by injuries the last three seasons. From 2001-03, he played in only 234 games and hit 43 homers.

Schmidt tosses second one-hitter of season

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Jason Schmidt might not get the attention of some of baseball's more heralded pitchers. After shutting down Boston's vaunted lineup, it's time he gets mentioned with any of the greats.

Schmidt became the first pitcher to shut out Boston this year, throwing his second one-hitter of the season in the San Francisco Giants' 4-0 victory on Sunday.

"It's only June and he's already pitched two one-hitters. We believe every time he takes the mound he has a shot at pitching a no-hitter," Giants manager Felipe Alou said. "That's the way I felt about Pedro Martinez when he pitched for me."

"You have to go to pitchers like that, Nolan Ryan, Roger Clemens, Pedro Martinez, (Curt) Schilling,

(Randy) Johnson, to find guys that throw one-hitters within a couple of months of each other."

Before Schmidt's 1-0 victory over the Chicago Cubs last month, no Giant had thrown a one-hitter since Scott Garrelles in 1990. Now Schmidt is the first San Francisco pitcher to put together two games this good in one season since Gaylord Perry threw a no-hitter and a one-hitter in 1968.

"I like this one better," Schmidt said. "I can say today I actually felt good. I felt sharp. All my pitches were working. It felt smooth today."

Schmidt (9-2) struck out nine and walked two in his 15th career shutout and the first against Boston since Sept. 17. The only blemish in 133 pitches was Kevin Youkilis' lead double leading off the sixth inning. Schmidt has won

nine straight decisions, the longest winning streak for a Giants pitcher since Rick Reuschel won nine straight in 1989.

"He's a pretty explosive pitcher," Boston's Jason Varitek said. "You see that same kind of stuff, but you don't often see that kind of location with it."

Schmidt's brilliance and Edgardo Alfonzo's grand slam helped San Francisco win the first meaningful series between the franchises since Boston won the 1912 World Series against the New York Giants.

Boston starter Bronson Arroyo (2-6) was effectively wild, hitting the Giants scoreless until the seventh despite walking five and holding a batter.

Arroyo was replaced with one out in the seventh after allowing a double to Michael Tucker and walking Marquis Grissom to bring up Barry Bonds.

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Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

East Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
New York	39	57	1/2
Boston	39	57	4 1/2
Tampa Bay	39	49	10 1/2
Baltimore	39	49	10 1/2

Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	38	59	1 1/2
Chicago	38	59	1 1/2
Cleveland	38	49	4 1/2
St. Louis	38	49	4 1/2
Kansas City	38	49	11 1/2

West Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	37	56	1 1/2
Texas	37	56	1 1/2
Anaheim	37	51	4 1/2
Seattle	37	51	4 1/2

Cleveland's interleague games

Cleveland @ Atlanta	1-0
Seattle @ Chicago White Sox	1-0
N.Y. Mets @ Detroit	1-0
San Francisco @ Pittsburgh	4-0
Philadelphia @ Kansas City	2-0
Houston @ Anaheim	1-0

Tuesday's AL games

Minnesota (Colo.) 5-3 @ Boston (Schilling 8-4)	
Tampa Bay (Gaudin 1-4) @ Toronto (Riley 2-3)	
Los Angeles (Mussina 7-4) @ Baltimore (Bryant 4-2)	
San Diego @ New York Yankees (Nolasco 1-2) @ Texas (Drea 3-4)	
Cleveland (Elton 4-0) @ Chicago White Sox (Lincecum 7-3)	
Detroit (Marathon 5-4) @ Kansas City (Goblar 2-3)	
Oakland (Houston 7-2) @ Anaheim (Colan 4-3)	

Wednesday's AL games

NY Yankees @ Baltimore	1-0
Minnesota @ Boston	1-0
Tampa Bay @ Toronto	1-0
Cleveland @ Chicago White Sox	1-0
Detroit @ Kansas City	1-0
Oakland @ Anaheim	1-0

National League

East Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	37	53	1/2
Florida	37	53	1/2
Atlanta	37	47	4 1/2
St. Louis	37	47	4 1/2

Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	39	56	1 1/2
St. Louis	39	56	1 1/2
Minnesota	38	51	4 1/2
Houston	38	51	4 1/2
San Francisco	38	49	11 1/2

San Diego's NL games

San Diego (Sparks 3-4) @ San Diego (Felix 3-7)	
Philadelphia (Mets 5-3) @ Atlanta (Pavano 7-4)	
Los Angeles (Lincecum 7-4) @ Milwaukee (Gint-1-3)	
San Francisco (Gerritsen 6-6) @ NY Yankees (Dwain 6-6)	
St. Louis (Sparks 3-4) @ Houston (Scott 4-6)	
San Diego (Sparks 3-4) @ San Diego (Felix 3-7)	

Philadelphia's NL games

Philadelphia @ Montreal	1-0
Atlanta @ Philadelphia	1-0
Cincinnati @ NY Yankees	1-0
San Francisco @ St. Louis	1-0
Colorado @ Milwaukee	1-0
San Diego @ Houston	1-0
Arizona @ San Francisco	1-0

Sunday Expos 4, White Sox 2

White Sox	ab	r	b	h
Urbani	4	0	0	0
Wright	4	0	0	0
Calder	4	0	0	0
Alfonso	4	0	0	0
Ryan	4	0	0	0
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Totals

White Sox	22	2	1	0
Expos	22	4	0	0

Montreal

Montreal	22	4	0	0
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Philadelphia's NL games

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Indians 5, Braves 2

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Indians	36	5	1	0
Braves	36	2	0	0

Atlanta

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Kansas City			
W	L	Pct	GB
Branson	37	57	1/2
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Branson	37	57	1/2

Astros 3, Angels 1

HOUSTON	ab	r	b	h
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Totals

Astros	30	3	0	0
Angels	30	1	0	0

Atlanta

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Shouttime showdown

Gagne closes door as Dodgers take series from Yanks

BY BETH HARRIS
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — With two outs in the eighth and a man on second, Eric Gagne came on to face Alex Rodriguez, the potential tying run.

After working the count to 2-2, the NL Cy Young winner challenged A-Rod with a fastball down the middle. The AL MVP swung through it.

"It was a fun at-bat. He just beat me fair and square," Rodriguez said. "That's what makes him so good. He has a lot in his repertoire to get you out with and he throws strikes. It was a fun challenge."

Gagne then finished for his major league record 81st straight save, preserving Los Angeles' 5-4 victory over the New York Yankees on Sunday.

"Gagne's fun to watch if you're not sitting in our dugout," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Gagne gave up a homer to Jason Giambi leading off the ninth before getting his second save of the series between teams that have met 11 times in the World Series, but not since 1981.

With all the hype and all the buildup, it played itself out to a T," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said. "It was a terrific series. It was great for our young players to taste of what it's like three months down the road."

The Yankees lost their first series since dropping two of three at Texas on May 21-23.

"Other than that, it was a good series," shortstop Derek Jeter

*"You couldn't even
hear yourself out
there. I thought
Friday was loud,
but tonight was
louder. It was
awesome."*

Paul Lo Duca
Dodgers catcher

said. "It was fun to come here. I enjoyed it."

Shawn Green triggered a four-run second inning with a homer and Jose Lima shrugged off consecutive home runs to Hideki Matsui and Miguel Cairo for the Dodgers.

"It feels good when you beat the Yankees because of the tradition between these two ballclubs," Lima said. "We got the best bullpen in baseball so I don't panic."

The matchup of division leaders set a franchise weekend attendance record of 165,249. Sunday's game drew 53,157, third-largest in Dodger Stadium history. Friday night's game attracted the largest crowd of 53,207.

"You couldn't even hear yourself out there," Dodgers catcher Paul Lo Duca said. "I thought Friday was loud, but tonight was louder. It was awesome."

After Gagne gave up a homer to Giambi, the fourth the closer

has allowed this season, he retired Gary Sheffield on a ground-out, Jorge Posada on a flyout to left and struck out Matsui looking for his 18th save of the season.

"The intensity was great," Torre said. "I still look at these games as exhibition games. I know they count in the standings, but I think the players appreciated the energy that came out of this weekend. We're just sorry about losing two out of three."

The Yankees cut their deficit to 4-3 in the seventh on Matsui's two-out RBI triple off reliever Tom Martin. Giambi led off with a single off Lima (5-3), took second on Sheffield's single and moved to third when Posada hit into a double play.

Dave Roberts doubled and sped all the way home when Matsui misplayed the ball in left field for a two-base error, giving the Dodgers a 5-3 lead in the bottom half. The ball bounced past Matsui on the rubber warning track and he chased it down near the Dodgers' bullpen.

"I was thinking two. I saw the ball get by him and at that point, I was thinking four," Roberts said. "There was a lot of silence when I was running and then an eruption when I got to home plate."

Green led off the second with his ninth homer on a 3-1 pitch from Jose Contreras (4-3). A sacrifice fly by Juan Encarnacion drove in Lo Duca, who doubled and took third on a single by Adrián Beltré. A two-out single by Roberts scored Beltré and Alex Cora, who singled, giving the Dodgers a 4-0 lead.



Los Angeles stopper Eric Gagne reacts after striking out New York's Hideki Matsui for the final out in the Dodgers' 5-4 victory over the Yankees on Sunday night. Gagne converted his 81st consecutive save.

The beat goes on as Tampa Bay's streak hits 11

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — With their closer absent, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays found another way to cope.

Victor Zambrano, who is scheduled to rest Wednesday in Toronto, worked an inning in relief, Trevor Miller got one out and Jesus Colon faced four batters and got five outs to seal the Devil Rays' 2-1 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Sunday — their 11th straight victory.

"We have a nice defensive ballclub," manager Lou Piniella said. "[Daneys] Raetz, his wife is having a baby. We couldn't win, but in 11 straight in the bullpen to see if we needed him, and we did."

The Devil Rays had scored 65 runs in 11 games to tie San Francisco for the best winning streak in the majors. This time, they made do with limited offense.

Robert Fick, a late addition to the lineup, tripled in the eventual winning run and Rocco Baldelli had a sacrifice fly. The rest was pitching and defense.

"Nobody said this coming," said Carl Crawford, who scored both runs. "We knew we couldn't win, but 11 in a row, I think, kind of surprised everybody. We're playing team baseball right now."

Baseball roundup

Piniella moved past Miller Huggins into 20th place among managers with 1,414 victories. Piniella's teams have five streaks of 10 or more victories. His 2001 Seattle team won 15 straight.

Fick was playing for Jose Cruz Jr., who was hit by a pitch Saturday and was scratched from the lineup Sunday because of a resulting bruise on the back of his left leg. Fick's triple came in the third and put Tampa Bay up 2-0.

Mark Hendrickson (5-5), who is 3-0 in four starts in June, had worked into the eighth inning in two previous outings, but weakened earlier this time and lasted only six.

The Diamondbacks loaded the bases on three singles with no outs in the fifth, but got only one run as Shea Hillenbrand scored from third when Juan Brito hit into a double play.

Hendrickson, who threw 26 pitches in the fifth after using only 46 in the first four innings, pitched a perfect sixth inning in the Tampa Bay seventh. Arizona starter Brandon Webb (3-7) walked him, and Hendrickson

cooled off as Fick singled and Webb walked Baldelli to load the bases.

Hendrickson said he had nosebleeds before the game because of the dry air and felt his calf tighten on a pitch to Brito in the fifth.

"I had plenty of liquids in me, but he (Brito) just wanted to take me out for a caution," said Hendrickson, who allowed one run on five hits and a walk.

Zambrano replaced Hendrickson to start the seventh. Miller came on in the eighth and allowed a double by Chad Tracy and a single by Scott Hairston before striking out Steve Finley.

Colome relieved and got Danny Bautista to ground into an inning-ending double play, then pitched a perfect ninth for his second save in as many games.

In other games Sunday: **Cubs 5, Athletics 3:** At Chicago, Moises Alou hit a two-run homer and Carlos Zambrano (8-2) converted Barry Zito (4-4) to win his fourth straight decision.

Zambrano gave up a run on five hits and struck out eight in 6 2/3 innings.

Expos 4, White Sox 2: Orlando Cabrera hit a two-run homer off Jon Garland (5-4) with one out in the bottom of the ninth.

Garland retired the first 16 batters he faced and gave up one hit — Jose Vidro's two-run single — through eight innings.

Indians 5, Braves 2: Jason Davis (2-5) gave up two runs and four hits in seven innings to win for the first time since May 4 and also hit his first major league home run, leading visiting Cleveland over the Braves, who have lost eight of 12 — and five straight series.

Davis homered off Russ Ortiz (6-6) in the second.

Mets 6, Tigers 1: Richard Hidalgo homered off Jeremy Bonderman (5-6) for his first hit with the Mets. Mike Piazza also connected and host New York completed a three-game sweep of Detroit.

Phillies 8, Royals 2: Jim Thome hit two two-run homers off Dennis Reyes (2-2) and hit five RBIs and Jimmy Rollins had an inside-the-park home run to lead the homecoming Phillies.

Mariners 5, Pirates 4: Ichiro Suzuki hit a go-ahead double in a three-run seventh, Freddy Garcia (4-6) gave up two runs and six hits in six innings and visiting Seattle completed a three-game sweep.

Twins 4, Brewers 2: Johan Santana (5-4) struck out a season-high 12 in eight innings and drove in a run in seven innings, and Eric Bruntlett hit his first homer of the season off Matt Hensley (0-2).

Octavio Dotel struck out Vladimir Guerrero with a runner on second for his 13th save.

Orioles 4, Rockies 2: Brian Roberts hit a grand slam off Shawn Chacon (0-5) with two outs in the ninth, helping visiting Baltimore end a seven-game losing streak.

Rangers 4, Marlins 2 (11): Hank Blalock hit a two-run homer off newly acquired reliever Billy Koch (0-1) in the 11th to give Texas a sweep of host Florida.

Blue Jays 3, Padres 0: Light-hitting Orlando Hudson homered off Brian Lawrence (8-5), and Miguel Batista (5-5) and Jason Frasor combined on a seven-hitner for visiting Toronto.

Padres catcher Ramon Hernandez had to be helped off the field after being injured making a put-out at the plate in the seventh.



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

London Central's Nicole Lassetter capped her stellar season by breaking the DODDS-Europe discus record with a throw of 141-4.

Lassetter a repeat winner

London Central star again is top female

BY RUSTY BRYAN

Stars and Stripes

Nicole Lassetter's future plans might be up in the air for the moment, but the London Central three-sport star is firmly established in the DODDS-Europe record book as place established.

Lassetter was named the Department of Defense Dependent Schools-Europe Female Athlete of the Year for the second year in a row — just the third two-time selection.

During her senior year, Lassetter won every individual award in volleyball, basketball and track before putting the finishing touch on her year by breaking a 22-year-old European record in the discus at last month's track and field championships.

"I was excited," she said about winning athlete of the year for the second time, adding that the second was just as thrilling as the first.

Lassetter began the year by leading London Central to the European Division III volleyball championship. She was named the European tourney MVP. She followed that up with a European tournament MVP award in basketball, in which she led her team to a second-place finish in Division III. Lassetter, who averaged 18.8 points and 13.2 rebounds during the regular season, averaged 27 points and 14.5 rebounds during the III-North Region tournament. She improved to 30.5 points and 12 rebounds per game during the European tournament.

Then came track, where she successfully defended her European discus and shot-put titles and branched out to become Division III high jump champion as well.

Lassetter said breaking the discus record was the highlight of her year.

"I had said it last year that I wanted to break it and started working toward it. I hit the weights and began breaking down each movement," she said.

The work paid off last month. Lassetter's 141-4, 4 inches in the discus broke the old mark of 133-1 established in 1982 by Stefanie Bertram of Wiesbaden.

Lassetter retained her shot-put title with a mark of 38-1, 2 feet past her winning mark of 2003.

The record cemented Lassetter's selection as DODDS-Europe's third two-time athlete of the year. She follows Heidelberg's Carolyn Kirsch (1992 and 1993) and Ramstein's Amy Smith (1998 and 1999).

"Nicole certainly has demonstrated the same type of focus and determination that was evident in the other two athletes," said DODDS-Europe athletic director Karen Seadore, who coached against Kirsch and Smith. "Nicole often was called upon to play every position on the [basketball] team. She never had the opportunity to settle in and develop her skills at one position."

Lassetter would prefer not to have to settle in on one sport at college.

"I'd really like to go to a Division II school where I could do basketball and track," said Lassetter, an honor student who will begin her summer athletic tour by playing in a 3-on-3 basketball tournament in Los Angeles.

"She's an outstanding young woman," Seadore summed up.

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Ewing looks forward to encore

Ansbach junior named DODDS male athlete of year

BY RUSTY BRYAN

Stars and Stripes

Despite being named the DODDS-Europe male athlete of the year, three-sport star Mike Ewing of Ansbach won't be resting on his laurels.

"People ask me what I'm going to do for an encore," said Ewing, a 6-1, 215-pound junior, who also was named All-Europe offensive tackle and anchored the defensive line during the Cougars' two-year, 16-game winning streak. "I answer that I'm going to try to repeat."

And improve.

Among his goals next year?

"I want to make the All-Europe football team both ways," he said. Ewing said he'd also like to win a European wrestling title after finishing second last year. And he said he wants to improve in the shot put and discus, where he finished third in both events.

However lofty Ewing's goals for his senior season might sound, they reflect the work ethic that has boosted him to leadership positions on the playing field and in the classroom.

"He trains tenaciously," said Gary Felestar, Ansbach defensive coordinator and wrestling and track coach. "He works on his own to do what he feels he needs to do."

He's also a voracious weightlifter. Felestar said.



Stars and Stripes

Mike Ewing was an All-Europe linemen and a runner-up in wrestling.

"He benched 135 pounds 37 times last year. At the end of school, we had a bench-press contest. He did 275."

For a person whose interests embrace non-sports activities ranging from community theater to the Boy Scouts to being Ansbach's JROTC battalion commander, the weight room might not seem like a stimulating place.

"It does get boring," Ewing admitted, "but if you don't do it, you don't get that day back. I look at what it's going to do for me in the long run."

Ewing spent last week at Würzburg coach Duane Werner's summer wrestling camp in Schweinfurt, Germany.

"I'm picking up a lot of stuff I didn't know," he said after a session of instruction with John Zie-

gler, coach of national junior college champion Northwest Vista. "I've got to be a sponge here."

Ewing said he was surprised at being named athlete of the year. "Coach [Marcus] George was at the selection meeting, and he told me he thought I had a 20-30 percent chance of winning," Ewing said. "So I wasn't on the edge of my seat or anything like that."

"I was doing a play when they told me I had won," he said. "It threw everything off."

Still, he found the choice gratifying in spite of the damage done to his stage performance. "Sometimes we moan and complain about all the work we have to do," Ewing said, "but you see results with something like this."

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DODDS 2004 All-Europe soccer teams

Boys first team

Position	Stats/coach's comment
Forward	10 goals, 6 assists
Sweeper	2 goals, 10 defensive stops
Goalkeeper	"Extremely solid"
Striker	8 goals, 6 assists
Forward	8 goals, 2 assists
Goalkeeper	"Most improved on team"
Fullback	5 goals; "very refined leadership"
Midfielder	3 goals, 10 defensive stops
Striker	Team scoring leader: "D-1 prospect"
Sweeper	11 saves per game
Striker	16 goals, 9 assists
Forward	4 assists, 46 defensive stops
Midfielder	3 goals, 7 assists in 13 games
Midfielder	15 goals, 15 assists per game
Forward	20 goals, led team

Boys second team

Midfielder	6 goals, 7 assists
Forward	12 goals, 7 assists
Goalkeeper	10 saves
Striker	8 goals, 7 assists
Midfielder	"Glue" for D-2 champions
Midfielder	Team defensive player of year
Sweeper	"Versatile, integral to defense"
Goalkeeper	17 saves per game
Midfielder	2 goals, 2 assists, 85 stops
Midfielder	13 goals, 4 assists
Midfielder	13 goals, 3 assists
Forward	1 goal, 1 assist per game
Striker	11 goals, 1 assist
Striker	12 goals

Girls first team

Position	Stats/coach's comment
Midfielder	10 goals, 5 assists
Stopper	"Incredibly hard worker"
Midfielder	6 goals, 5 assists
Forward	20 goals, 3 assists
Goalkeeper	15 goals; "Europe's best attacker"
Defender	10 goals, 1 assist
Sweeper	Team scoring leader
Striker	"Impossible to get through"
Striker	10 goals, 4 assists
Defender	"Excellent passing skills"
Defender	Team's top defender
Midfielder	10 goals, 3 assists
Goalkeeper	Team captain, scorer
Midfielder	15 goals, 16 assists
Midfielder	16 goals, 7 assists

Girls second team

Midfielder	3 goals, 2 assists
Stopper	2 goals on set plays
Midfielder	50 saves, 10 assists
Midfielder	4 goals, 8 assists
Sweeper	20 stops per game avg.
Goalkeeper	4 shutouts
Midfielder	15-0 Saints allowed 4 goals, 8 assists
Midfielder	6 goals, 1 assist
Midfielder	11 goals, 8 assists
Midfielder	11 goals, 4 assists
Striker	7 goals, 3 assists
Defender	2 goals, "Versatile"
Sweeper	"Turned away under arm"



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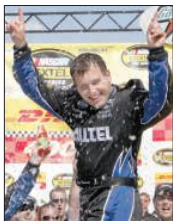
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Cincinnati Reds' Ken Griffey Jr. watches career home run 500, a solo shot in the sixth inning against the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. See story on Page 27.



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Retief Goosen is all smiles after surviving Shinnecock Hills Golf Club to win the U.S. Open Championship on Sunday despite a 1-over final round.

Putts pave Goosen's Open path

South African keeps calm as Mickelson implodes on 17

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SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — Phil Mickelson dazzled his adoring fans with an improbable charge. Retief Goosen earned their respect with his pressure-packed putts.

The U.S. Open was headed for a dramatic finish Sunday on the 18th hole at Shinnecock Hills.

Instead, it all ended in a New York minute. Squinting into the fading sun on the 17th tee, Goosen saw Mickelson take three putts from 5 feet, not knowing the score until someone in the gallery begrudgingly gave him the news.

Double bogey for Mickelson, who muffed another chance to win a major. "I knew he was playing well," Goosen said. "But on 17 when he made double bogey, it went my way."

Goosen followed him into the same bunker but escaped with par, then finished a steady performance with his sixth straight one-putt green for a 1-over 71 to capture his second U.S. Open in four years.

"It wasn't any easier the first time," Goosen said. "I knew Phil was coming at me, and I knew it was coming down to me and him. It turned out my way."

It was a major disappointment for Mickelson, the Masters champion who was poised to get the second leg of the Grand Slam.

And it was equally deflating for a New York gallery that gave Lefty the regal treatment rarely seen this side of Arnold Palmer.

Instead, he wound up a runner-up in the U.S. Open for the third time in six years.

"All three of them feel the same," Mickelson said. "They're all pretty disappointing."

Not many believed it would turn out this way, especially when Mickelson made three birdies in a four-hole stretch on a Shinnecock Hills course that wasn't supposed to let anyone make a charge.

Goosen hung on, saving par from the rough and the sand, then holing a 12-foot birdie on the 16th to regain a share of the lead with Mickelson.

Then came the 17th.

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